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APRIL 21-23, 2017

MELBOURNE SHOWGROUNDS
APRIL 28-30, 2017

ESSENTIAL INFO

WHERE & WHEN

GOLD COAST 2017
Friday, 21st April, 5pm to 9pm
Saturday, 22nd April, 10am to 6pm
Sunday, 23rd April, 10am to 6pm
Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre
Cnr Gold Coast Highway & TE Peters Drive
Broadbeach, Queensland

MELBOURNE 2017
Friday, 18th November, 5pm to 9pm
Saturday 19th November, 10am to 6pm
Sunday 20th November, 10am to 6pm
Melbourne Showgrounds
Epson Road, Ascot Vale, Victoria

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WELCOME TO SUPANOVA 2017

WELCOME TO SUPANOVA COMIC-CON & GAMING EXPO'S APRIL 2017 TOUR OF GOLD COAST AND MELBOURNE!

2017 is our 15th anniversary year! What better way to celebrate than to harken back to our *comicfest!* roots with a slight rebrand in being called **Supanova Comic-Con & Gaming** and an amazing Thor cover thanks to visiting artist, Esad Ribic, with local fellow guest, Gregory Mackay, providing six beautiful pages of his own.

Aside from comics, the other aspect of being a 'Comic-Con' when looking at the biggest and best, Comic-Con International: San Diego, is the exclusive panels and screenings they have and for Australia we're doing exactly that with seven different film and TV productions sending cast and/or crew. We're so excited!

In contrast, adding 'Gaming' is a step into the future with Supanova working hard to bring even more interactive elements to our events for you to enjoy. Walking into our events you'll be able to see the differences firsthand.

We also have great news for the cosplay community with IronLak sponsoring the competitions. For Gold Coast fans you'll be able to cheer our first ever Supanova Supa-Star Ambassador, John Jarratt, who'll be headlining the Supanova Superhero Parade Sunday morning, April 23rd, along with our Cosplay Ambassadors.

Lastly, we'd like to welcome our new literary sponsor, QBD Books, who join mainstays such as Madman, FilmInk, Domino's Pizza, Popcultcha, Weta, Global Gear and the Gold Coast Film Festival, in helping us make these events the best they can be for you our fans.

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Supanova Comic-Con & Gaming Expo
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SUPA-FAQS!

HOW TO ENSURE YOU HAVE A BLAST AT SUPANOVA!

PLAN AHEAD

This Programme is designed so everything you'll need to know is at your fingertips, including detailed maps, timetables and quick-reference guest guides. Info Booth, ATMs, Toilets and parent change rooms are marked on the precinct maps in the centre of this Programme.

#STAYSUPA!

An all-ages event, Supanova is a friendly and fun place where everyone can feel included so please be kind to your fellow fans. Harassment in any form will not be tolerated. Supanova encourages a diverse and colourful community – everyone deserves equal respect so mind your manners and be kind to one another! Always ask permission if you'd like to take a photo and **never touch someone without consent.**

WHERE ARE YOUR KIDS?

For parents and guardians: as you enter Supanova, agree on a place to meet your child if they somehow get lost. The "Kids Wristbands" table near the entrance (see the map on ***pages 30-31***) is where you pick up a Child ID Wristband, so you can be contacted if your child becomes separated from you. Children 12 years and under cannot be left unattended. **If you need to report a lost child, please do so at the Information Desk.**

MATURE CONTENT

Supanova is a family event but some exhibitors' stock material is intended for a mature audience. Classification ratings for the film and TV screenings are posted in the relevant theatres, and in the Event Timetable listings. Activities rated MA15+ or over require a guardian to be present.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

If you have a special needs access request (e.g. in Q&A panels or autograph lines) due to a disability or mobility requirement, please approach a volunteer and let them know what you need because they can assist you. Remember to bring your disability or carer's card with you.

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HOT TIPS!

Our patrons and volunteers have put together some of the best advice for con-goers…

H2-WHOA

Being fabulous can be draining so stay hydrated! Bring water with you and refill at the bubblers. Pack some snacks if you need a quick energy boost, or have particular dietary needs.

WHERE R U? OMW!

Track works, road closures or suspended services can really ruin your weekend if not prepared. Check your local public transport website for updates before leaving the house, and make sure you've got enough cash left to get out of the carpark!

POWER UP

Be mindful of your phone battery if you're using it to coordinate with friends, take videos and photos or catch Pokémon, and *especially* if you're using it to redeem autograph tickets – or you may miss out! Get your hands on a backup battery, as there may not be outlets available to recharge. Same goes for your camera. **Want to know something supa-awesome?** The Epic Retro Gaming Lounge in Melbourne will have free phone and game console charging bays available!

BE PREPARED

Plan to be at a panel or queue at least 10 minutes before it starts – and set alarms to remind you. Have your token or barcode on hand and your item to autograph out and ready – that means out of its wrapper. Bring a folder to store flat items in, or sheet protectors can be purchased on site.

GET CASH EARLY

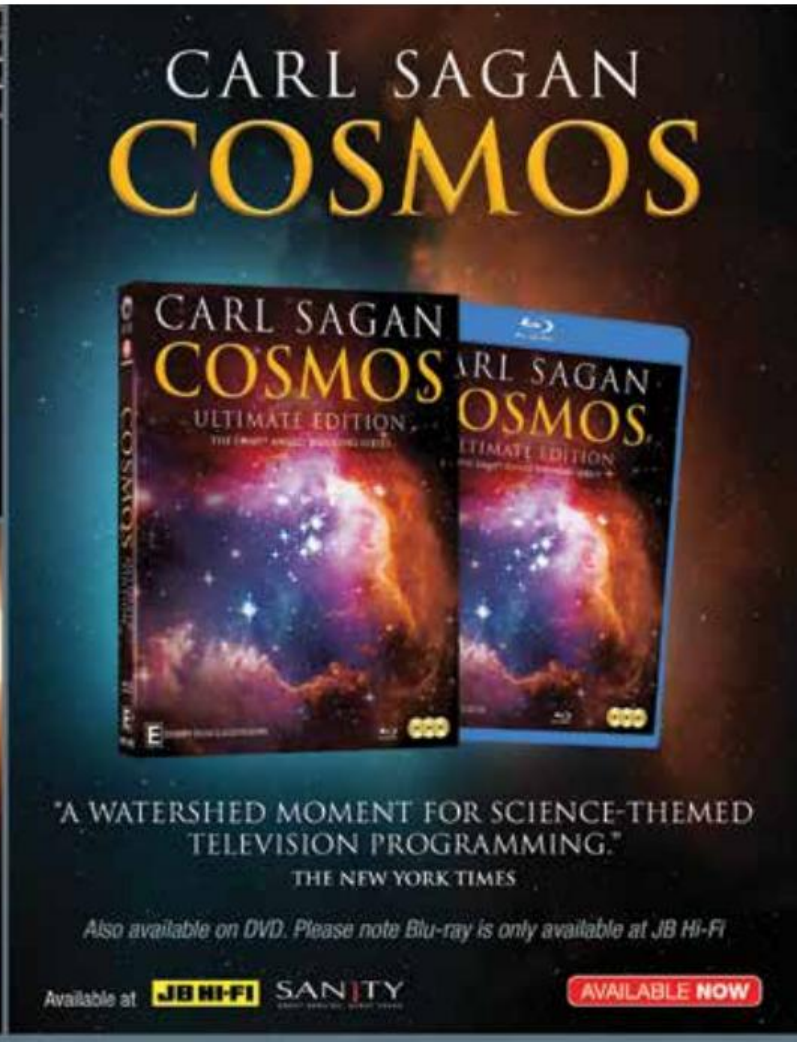
Not all retailers and tables can take cards – if you're intending to buy food, drinks, merchandise or that exclusive print, make sure to carry cash – and get it before you arrive at the expo, as the ATMs lines can get quite long!

MEETUP

Supanova has a designated Meeting Point at the Information Desk for friends and families to coordinate themselves throughout the day. If you get separated, have a plan!

NEED HELP?

Feeling overwhelmed by the crowds? Just need some fresh air? Supanova is a busy and noisy place and sometimes you just need a time out. Be sure to ask for help from our Volunteers or at the Information Desk, where trained staff can assist you in feeling yourself again.



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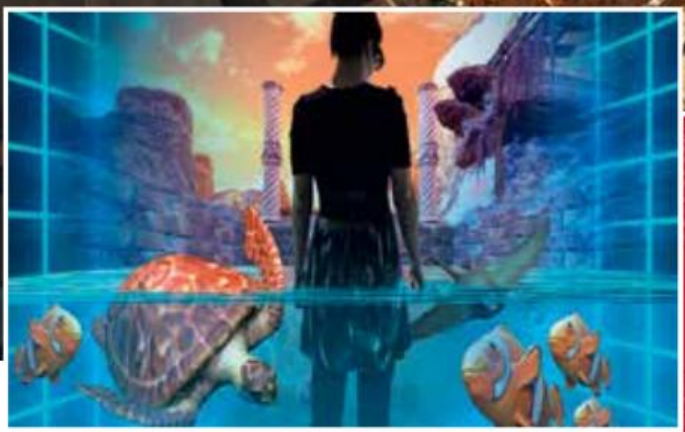

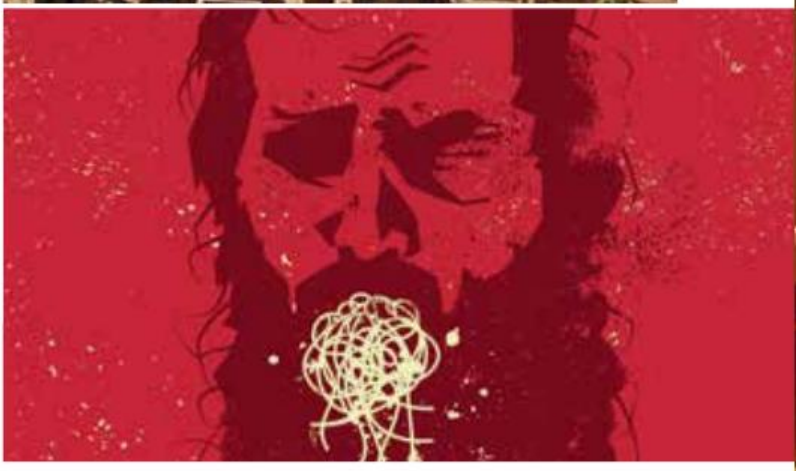

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Holoverse is a family friendly tourist attraction conveniently located on the Gold Coast. Forty hologram rooms operate daily with a variety of experiences to choose from. Your FREE Holoverse ticket can be found in your Supanova showbag. Now you can visit wondrous new worlds, explore ancient civilisations, fight robots with swords and guns, or turn into dragons to battle your friends in the sky!

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MAKING COOL STUFF! WETA COLLECTIBLES (Melbourne Exclusive)

Make sure you swing by the Supa-Streaming Stage on **Sunday 2pm** to catch a behind the scenes look at making some of Weta's collectibles with Leonard Ellis, Weta Workshop's Head Model Maker.

TERRY BROOKS CANCELS

Due to unforeseen family matters, Terry Brooks is no longer able to attend Gold Coast and Melbourne Supanova this April. We will keep him and his family in our thoughts as we celebrate the magic he created with ***The Shannara Chronicles*** with Ivana Baquero and Manu Bennett. We hope to see Terry at Supanova in the future!

SPAGHETTIMAN (M) SUPA-SCREENIING HOSTED BY DEAN RANKINE (Gold Coast Exclusive)

Clark doesn't care about you. He doesn't care about the world. He barely cares about himself. But after an incident with an old bowl of spaghetti and a malfunctioning microwave, he becomes a superhero that can fight crime with the power of spaghetti. He's the superhero you need... if you can afford his rates. This exclusive screening happens at **7pm on Friday, April 21** in FilmInk Features.

WIZARDS OF THE COAST BRING THE MAGIC TO SUPANOVA (Melbourne Exclusive)

Rise among the Worthy with ***Magic: The Gathering***'s latest set ***Amonkhet***, inspired by ancient Egyptian mythology! Mages of all ages are invited to participate in the Trials of the Gods and earn their convention exclusive reward, if they succeed… ***Magic: The Gathering*** is the world's most popular trading card game, with over 20 million players and fans worldwide. Haven't played ***Magic*** before? Visit their booth and start playing the Magic Duels (http://magic.wizards.com/duels) app or take a seat with the Wizards team for a guided demo.

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WHY THE CHANGE?

It all started March 25th, 2000, in Sydney with the first **comicfest! entertainment expo**. However comic book conventions, or comic-cons, despite San Diego Comic-Con's awesomeness in the USA, were looked down upon and *The Big Bang Theory* wasn't around yet to mainstream it. In 2002 we rebranded to **Supanova Pop Culture Expo** which sounded cool but non-specific and added Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Gold Coast and Adelaide between 2003 and 2012. Strangely, before long, we started answering "what's a pop culture expo?" with "like San Diego Comic-Con but with more anime". *Everyone* was finally getting it!

To our mind, the other part that makes a 'comic-con' is exclusive stuff and in particular from film and TV productions. With April's list of ***The Osiris Child: Science Fiction Volume One***, ***Boar, Blue World Order, Project Eden: Vol 1, Space/Time, Cleverman*** and ***Garrison7*** we have the beginning, with a whole lot more to come. Check out page 12 for more info.

"That's fine for 'Comic-Con' but what about 'Gaming'?" we hear you ask. Just read the rest of this page. Here we are then, 15 years later, and it's time to stand up proudly and say what we've always been, and that's the **Supanova Comic-Con & Gaming Expo**! But if you've been even once it's simply '**Supanova**'!

WHAT'S NEW?

mwave

"Build it and they will come" goes the movie reference and one of the building blocks is no doubt Mwave Australia, one of Australia's leading online IT retailers, who we're partnering with and whose team have taken on the responsibility in creating the gaming side of the show. Teaming up with leading brands **Intel, Microsoft, NVIDIA, CoolerMaster, HyperX, MSI, Seagate, Thermaltake** and **AGON**; Mwave Australia will be running the 'PC Gaming Zone' in every Supanova starting with Gold Coast and Melbourne so that you can experience the latest in PC Gaming, hands-on competitive LAN, Virtual-Reality (VR) and streaming!

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EPIC GAMING

MELBOURNE EXCLUSIVE

If you are looking for some Epic interaction, then make your way to Epic Gaming Australia's booth for hands-on activities. Step back to a time when games were much simpler with Epic's Retro Gaming Lounge; recharge your phones and hand held devices at the Recharge area; and learn how to turn your phone into the ultimate VR experience with Epic's own Google Cardboard VR. If that's not enough, nerd out with Epic Gaming's super store filled with tonnes of new and retro games, consoles and trading cards.

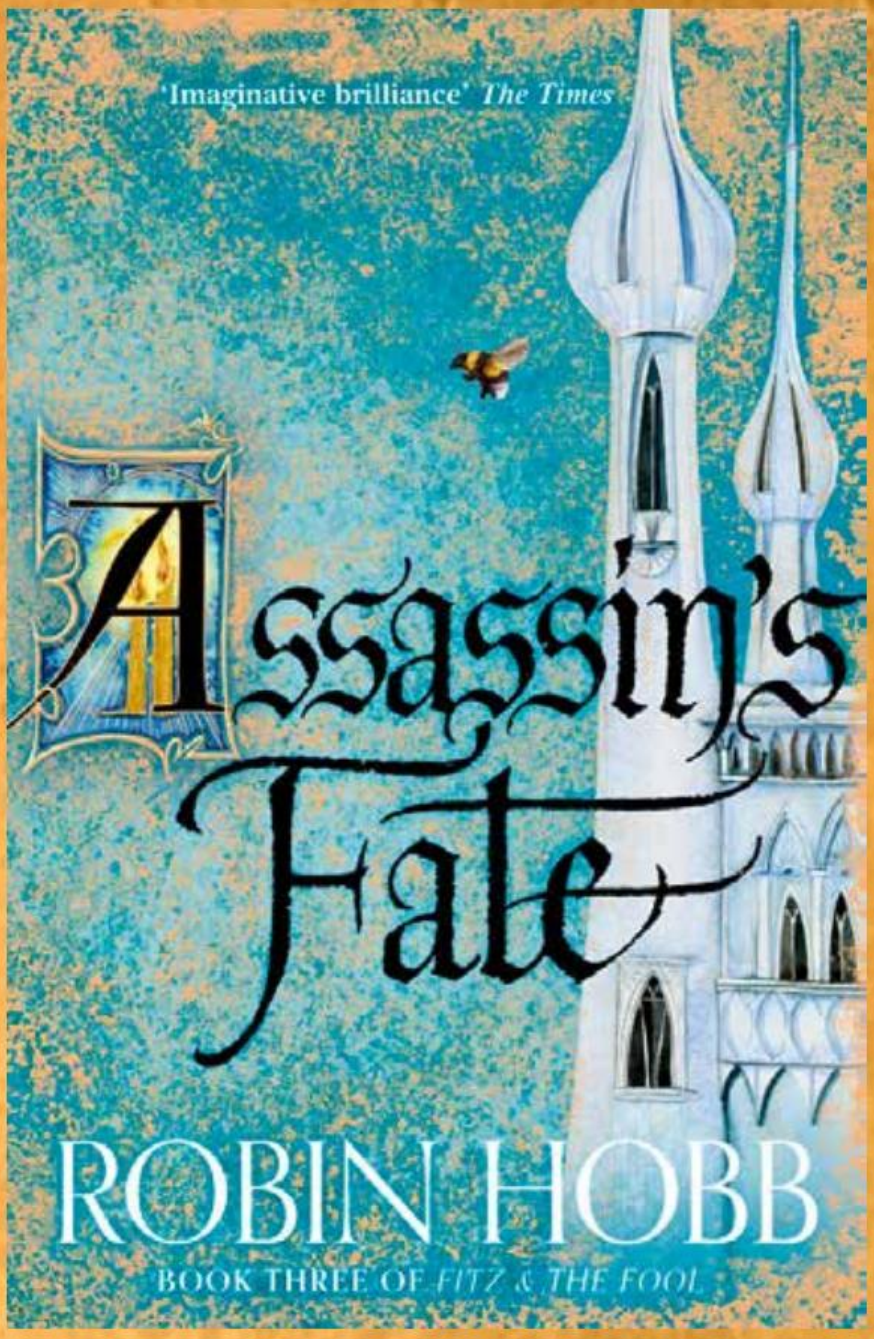
twitch

Video Gaming and **Twitch** are synonymous, so our rebranding isn't complete without a live streaming partnership with the industry leader! Get the full lowdown on all the worldwide live *Supa-Streaming Stage* action, on page 36.

NERF HQ

We're pumped in welcoming Hasbro's Nerf, the world's leading manufacturer of foam-based toy blaster weaponry, to Supanova across all six shows in 2017! Supa-Fans will have the opportunity to test drive their amazing blasters by heading over to NerfHQ, where you will find both the **Nerf N-Strike Mega DoubleBreach** (that fires 2 darts in a row) and **ZombieStrike OutBreaker**, or test your accuracy with the **Nerf N-Strike AlphaHawk** – part of the **AccuStrike** Series. Make sure you challenge your friends for some great fun.

It's time for Fitz & the Fool to face their destiny



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George R. R. Martin

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FRIDAY FUN!

KICK OFF YOUR SUPANOVA WEEKEND WITH A BANG!

GOLD COAST & MELBOURNE

5.00PM TO 9.00PM

(SUPA-FAN WEEKEND PASS HOLDERS ONLY)

Get in early on Friday nights! There's plenty of time before the sun goes down to get in to watch the star-studded Official Opening Ceremony, Supanova Book Club, and legendary voice actor Vic Mignogna all on stage – then get ready to groove the night away with geek pop singer-songwriter, Meri Amber live in concert.

The Supanova Store will be open until 8.00pm for you to grab your last-minute autograph and photo tokens, while Melbourne audiences will be treated to a special screening of the new film ***The Osiris Child: Science Fiction Volume One***, with special introduction by the cast.

JOIN THE SUPANOVA BOOK CLUB!

Come along and attend an informal chat session with our incredibly talented literary guests! Hear them talk about their start in the business, their favourite characters, what comics-related movies/TV series they enjoy and ask about their opinions on the state of the industry.

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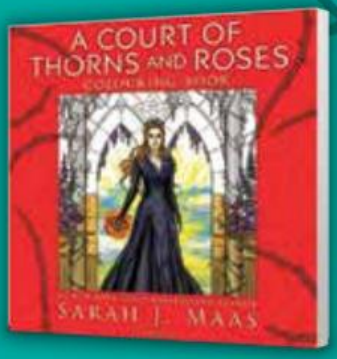

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BLUE WORLD ORDER

Set in a grim, post-apocalyptic future ripped apart by infectious, deadly bacteria, this wonderfully manic piece of Australian sci-fi focuses on Jake Slater (Jake Ryan), who scavenges the wasteland searching for a way to keep his unconscious daughter alive, unaware that she is the last child on Earth, and the key to the survival of mankind. High concept sci-fi of the first order!

SUPANOVA GUESTS

GOLD COAST: Che Baker, Jake Ryan and Stephen Hunter.
MELBOURNE: Che Baker, Jake Ryan, Sarah Mason and Stephen Hunter.

SPACE/TIME

Highly ambitious Brisbane production which tracks scientists working on a time machine who must turn to criminal activity in order to finance their operation, with consequences that could unravel the whole fabric of space and time.

SUPANOVA GUESTS

GOLD COAST: Hugh Parker, Ashlee Lollback, Pacharo Mzembe, Haroon Jeffrey-Hall, Adam Harmer, Michael O'Halloran, Jai Hogg, Maddison Strurgess.
MELBOURNE: Ashlee Lollback, Michael O'Halloran, Adam Harmer, Adrian Diery, Robin Darch, Maddison Sturgess.

THE OSIRIS CHILD: SCIENCE FICTION VOLUME ONE

From writer/director, Shane Abbess (***Gabriel***, ***Infini***) comes another daring trip into genre filmmaking. Set in a futuristic time of interplanetary colonisation, the film tracks an unlikely pair (Kellan Lutz, Daniel MacPherson) who must race against the clock to prevent an impending global crisis.

SUPANOVA GUESTS

GOLD COAST: Shane Abbess, Kellan Lutz, Isabel Lucas, Teagan Croft, Temuera Morrison.
MELBOURNE: Shane Abbess, Kellan Lutz, Teagan Croft.

CLEVERMAN

In the second series of the ABC-TV game-changer, Koen (Hunter Page-Lockard), still learning to harness his powers as the Cleverman, is the only one who can stop the bloodshed between human and Hairy. Ranged against him is the full force of government, spearheaded by his brother Waruu (Rob Collins), who has found the one thing which can negate Koen's powers, and render him mortal.

SUPANOVA GUESTS

Hunter Page-Lochard, Rarriwuy Hick, Ryan Griffen

PROJECT EDEN

Dramatic thriller about a young woman who becomes an unwitting fugitive after she discovers that her son's catatonic state may be at the heart of a global conspiracy. Expertly playing with the conventions of the sci-fi genre, you can join cast members Mansoor Noor, Paul O'Brien and Anna McGahan, as well as writers/directors Terrance Young and Ashlee Jensen, for this special supa-screening. Q&A

BOAR

Directed by burgeoning Aussie cult filmmaker, Chris Sun (***Daddy's Little Girl***, ***Charlie's Farm***), ***Boar*** boasts a cast of Aussie legends (John Jarratt, Steve Bisley, Chris Haywood, Ernie Dingo) in a brutal, no-holds-barred tale of survival and terror, as a vicious wild boar rips and tears its unholy way through the outback.

GARRISON7: THE FALLEN
(Gold Coast Exclusive)

War is coming! When an elite special forces commander accidentally uncovers an insidious military conspiracy, his family is brutally murdered. Now the target of an intergalactic manhunt, they will stop at nothing to silence him. Created by Scott A. Brewer, in the ***Garrison7*** multi-faceted universe, legends aren't born... They're forged!

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THE BIGGEST NAMES IN FILM AND TV ARE AT SUPANOVA FOR YOUR AUTOGRAPH SIGNING AND PHOTOGRAPHING PLEASURE

DAVID BOREANAZ

Recently wrapping up his twelfth and final season as FBI Special Agent Seeley Booth on the hugely popular TV crime series, ***Bones***, this busy actor has the kind of cult cache that money can't buy thanks to his reign in the Whedonverse as the tortured anti-hero of ***Angel*** and ***Buffy The Vampire Slayer***. An avid ice hockey player, David has also voice acted, directed TV, performed on the stage and the big screen, and on the eve of Supanova, it was also announced that he has joined the cast of an as-yet-untitled Navy Seals TV project!

MARIE AVGEROPOULOS

After eye-catching turns in the convention faves, ***Supernatural***, ***Fringe***, ***Eureka*** and ***Human Target***, this talented Canadian achieved major pop cultural traction with the role of Octavia Blake in the much loved post-apocalyptic drama series ***The 100***.

MEHCAD BROOKS

The coolest Jimmy Olsen that the screen has ever seen, Mehcad Brooks (who has also featured on ***Desperate Housewives***, ***True Blood*** and ***Necessary Roughness***) is just one of the many delights offered up by the fizzy, entertaining hit TV series, ***Supergirl***.

JESSICA HARMON

Canadian actress Jessica Harmon is best known for her role as FBI agent Dale Bozzio on the series ***iZombie***, but her cult credentials don't stop there, with the impressive likes of ***Battlestar Galactica: The Face Of The Enemy*** and ***The 100*** also on her resume.

TOM HOPPER

A star on the rise, Tom Hopper has already featured in ***Merlin***, ***Casualty***, ***Doctors***, ***Barbarians Rising***, ***Doctor Who*** and ***Black Sails***, and has just grabbed The Holy Grail of all performers by scoring a major role in Season 7 of the phenomenon that is ***Game Of Thrones***.

CRAIG PARKER

One of New Zealand's most popular actors, and adept at improv and comedy, Craig has appeared on television in ***Xena: Warrior Princess*** and ***Young Hercules***, as well as ***Legend Of The Seeker***, ***Spartacus: War Of The Damned*** and currently ***Reign***, and is best known to fans for his portrayal as Haldir, one of Lothlorien's blond and fair elves in the first two parts of Peter Jackson's ***Lord Of The Rings*** trilogy.

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LUKE MITCHELL

A star in Australia thanks to his continuing appearances on ***Neighbours***, ***H2O: Just Add Water*** and ***Home And Away***, this Gold Coast native made his mark in the US on ***Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.***, and currently stars in the entertainingly labyrinthine TV series ***Blindspot***.

NATALIE DORMER
(Melbourne Exclusive)

Stealing all of her scenes as the icy, ambitious and wickedly funny Margaery Tyrell on TV's award winning ***Game Of Thrones***, Natalie Dormer also featured in ***The Hunger Games*** and is currently in Australia filming the TV mini-series ***Picnic At Hanging Rock***.

IVANA BAQUERO
(Gold Coast Exclusive)

Spanish actress Ivana Baquero made her mark at the age of eleven as the star of Guillermo de Toro's dark masterpiece ***Pan's Labyrinth***, and currently stars as Eritria in the Terry Brooks adapted fantasy TV series, ***The Shannara Chronicles***.

LEE MAJORS
(Melbourne Exclusive)

A genuine pop culture icon thanks to his unforgettable starring roles on two TV classics –***The Six Million Dollar Man*** and ***The Fall Guy*** – Lee Majors is now enjoying a big time comeback as Brock Williams, Ash's father on the splatter-tastic ***Ash vs Evil Dead***.

REBECCA BREEDS

This Sydney-born actress clocked up 380 episodes on the long running Aussie drama ***Home And Away***, and then went on to play Aurora on the vampire drama ***The Originals***, and a recurring role on the hit series ***Pretty Little Liars***.

JOHN JARRATT

A bona fide Aussie legend with roles in local classics like ***Picnic At Hanging Rock***, ***The Odd Angry Shot***, ***We Of The Never Never***, and many, many more, Quentin Tarantino's favourite Aussie actor became an instant pop culture icon when he sharpened his knife and loaded his gun to play outback serial killer, Mick Taylor, in ***Wolf Creek*** and its follow ups.

CORY MICHAEL SMITH

Boasting eye-catching turns in the mini-series ***Olive Kitteridge***, and the feature films ***Camp X-Ray*** and ***Carol***, plus countless stage performances, Cory Michael Smith is best known as forensic scientist, Edward Nygma – the man who will eventually become the Batman-baiting supervillain, The Riddler – on TV's ***Gotham***.

AUSTIN ST. JOHN

Hailing from a family of police officers - and himself a paramedic - this dynamic performer starred as Jason Lee Scott, the Red Ranger in one of the most iconic, groundbreaking, live action children's television series of all time: ***The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers***. Nowadays, Austin is busy raising awareness for the Heartland Image Foundation as well as filming ***Survival's End***, a full- length feature film that accelerates the Doomsday Virus Prophecy to modern time.

MANU BENNETT

As well as appearances in films such as ***Lantana*** and ***The Marine***, this ever-busy New Zealand-born actor has hit genre pay dirt with eye-catching roles in ***Spartacus: Blood And Sand***, ***Arrow***, ***The Hobbit***, ***30 Days Of Night***, and ***The Shannara Chronicles***.

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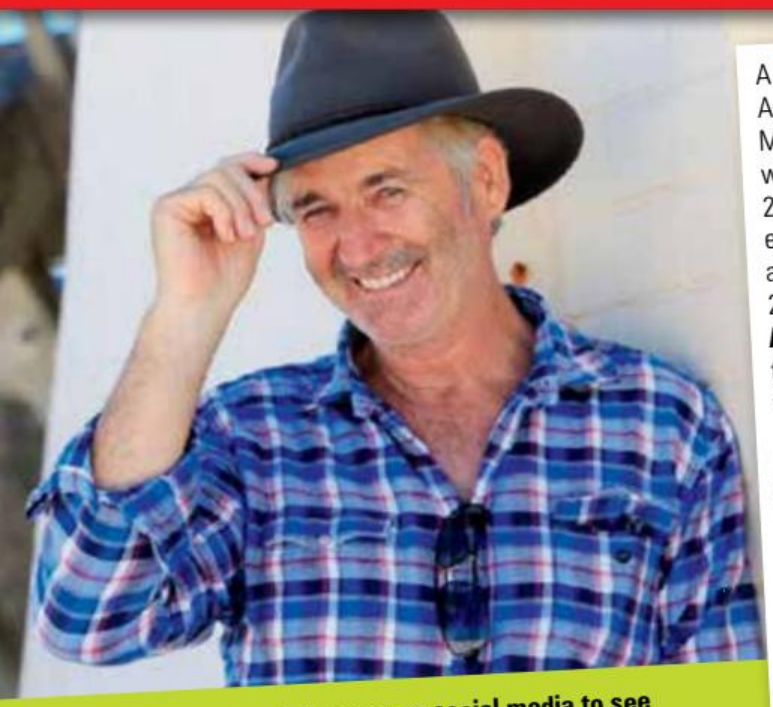

Don't forget to follow me on social media to see what I get up to behind the scenes at Supanova!

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A big G'DAY! to all you Supanovians. I'm proud and honoured to be the Ambassador for Supanova. I'll be at all the Supanovas – Gold Coast, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane, with our Australia-wide Supanova family. It'll be my job to spread the word during 2017 to other Aussies as to how great it is to come join us in the exhilarating fun world of Supanova. I'm gonna be having a great time, as usual. Exciting year for me, we're shooting ***Wolf Creek***: Series 2 in July/August for a late 2017 release on Stan. I'm also starring in ***Boar***, a monster film about a bloody big pig, the size of a Rhino, that terrorises a country town. I play a pig shooter who goes out and takes the monster on! It should be out in a cinema near you in late 2017.

Everything you want from Supanova will be there waiting for you. Check the website for all the big stars in every genre you can think of. Never understood the Zombies, bits falling off them everywhere and they walk slower than your Nanna, not hard to get away from… Maybe we should do Zombies at ***Wolf Creek***. Can you imagine Mick Taylor picking them off like flies?! Mick would have a ball; it'd be a smorgasbord for him. Look forward to seeing you all at your nearest Supanova. Let the fun begin!

All the best,
John Jarratt

FAST FIVE
WITH JOHN JARRATT

1 What makes Mick Taylor such an iconic character? He's like the anti-Croc Dundee, a likeable larrikin who happens to be a madman. He lives in the scary outback and people like him exist.

2 What's been the craziest thing that you've had to do in-character? I think killing yoga woman on Stan's ***Wolf Creek***: Series One was weird. The dialogue was weird…. But good weird.

3 What's a film or TV project you've been in that more people should see? ***Boar***, about a massive pig to be released in cinemas in late 2017.

4 Is there a dream role you'd like to land? My next one.

5 What's the weirdest thing you've signed for a fan? I signed my name on this bloke's forearm Saturday morning, he came back Sunday arvo with it tattooed!

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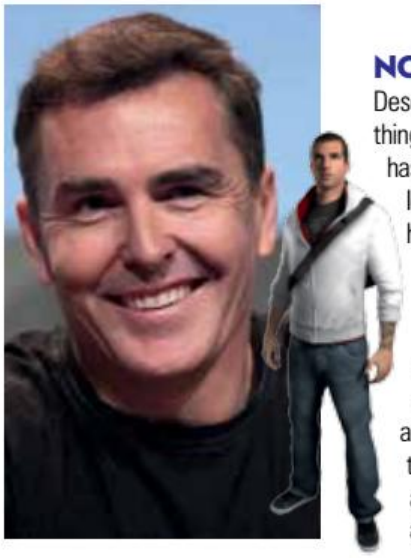

NOLAN NORTH

Described as the nearest thing the games industry has to a bona fide leading man, this hard working voice actor is best known as Desmond Miles from the ***Assassin's Creed*** video game series, and Nathan Drake from the ***Uncharted*** series, as well as a host of animated TV series.

VIC MIGNOGNA

Since bursting onto the scene fifteen years ago as Vega in ***Streetfighter II***, this professional music composer/signer/producer, screen and voice actor has appeared in more than 300 animated series, web series and video games, including ***Fullmetal Alchemist***, ***Ouran High School Host Club***, ***Vampire Knight***, ***Pokémon, Dragon Ball Z*** and as Qrow Branwen from ***RWBY***. Vic also plays Captain Kirk in the award winning web series ***Star Trek Continues***, which he also directs.

STEPHANIE NADOLNY

Finding instant success voicing Kid Goku, Kid Gohan, East Kai and Baby Trunks on ***Dragon Ball***, ***Dragon Ball Z*** and ***Dragon Ball GT***, this plucky Memphis native has voiced characters and sang themes from ***Kiddy Grade***, ***Case Closed*** and ***Yu Yu Hakusho***, and was also featured in ***Parasite Dolls***, ***Moby Dick*** and ***Hello Kitty***.

AI NONAKA
(Gold Coast Exclusive)

A star on the rise in the anime world, and known to her fans as Ai Pon, Nonaka's best known voice work includes Sakura Kyoko in ***Mahou Shoujo Madoka Magica***, Tiramie in ***Amagi Brilliant Park***, and Konoe Konoka in ***Mahou Sensei Negima!*** Out of all of her roles, Nonaka's favourite has been Shima Katase from ***Stellvia Of The Universe*** because the character resonated strongly with her on an emotional level.

MASAKO NOZAWA
(Melbourne Exclusive)

Involved in voice acting since the beginning of the industry, Nozawa's first role in anime was in ***Astro Boy***, with her first lead as Kitaro in ***Ge Ge Ge no Kitaro***. Guinness World Records holder for "Longest Time Voicing A Character In Video Games" and "Longest Time Acting As One Character In One Video Game", Nozawa holds a special place for her roles as Goku, Gohan Ge Ge Ge no Kitaro and Goten in the ***Dragon Ball*** series and as Tetsuro Hoshino in ***Galaxy Express 999***.

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With an amazing array of Cosplay activities, competitions and events for everyone – from panels for beginners to international competitions, Supanova is dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming experience for everyone!

COSPLAY AMBASSADORS

The Cosplay Community in Australia has been steadily growing over the past decade, and it shows no sign of slowing down. The Cosplay Ambassadors are more than just guest cosplayers; they will be giving the cosplay community a direct line of communication with Supanova. Both have an extensive Cosplay history, with countless competition wins and international trips to visit cosplayers all around the world as well as unique and varied skill sets in and out of cosplay.

The Cosplay Ambassadors can be found at Cosplay HQ, unless they are off judging the cosplay competition or running a panel to tell you a bit more about themselves and their skills. Drop by Cosplay HQ, say hello and share your ideas!

A.K WIRRU

A.K. Wirru has been crafting since he was 5 years old, when he really wanted a movie prop replica and his parents told him "why buy when you can just make?" It all started from there. His free time since childhood has been spent doing one artistic project after another – prop crafting, music writing, drawing, performing, you name it! He started using his skills specifically for Cosplay in 2006. He has won over 70 awards in competitions around Australia in all categories including Best Craftsmanship, Best Skit, Best Cosplay and Best in Show. In 2010 and 2014, he won the Madman National Cosplay Championship by producing two costumes and performances (one to qualify, one for the finals). In 2012, he represented Australia in the World Cosplay Summit as Team Australia with his best friend, Tsubaki. A.K Wirru's main focus as a cosplayer is to be as diverse in his craft as possible – to not be limited to one speciality like sewing, prop making or armour building. He loves to use and learn whatever skills and medium it takes to achieve his desired result, and sharing it with everyone along the way!

UNTANGLED: WORKING WITH WIGS

Join Echoing Artemis as she discusses the sourcing, styling and upkeep of these key accessories. Come along to learn a trick or two, ask questions, and maybe even try out some techniques.

cosplay HQ

BRINGING CHARACTERS TO LIFE: CREATING MEMORABLE IMAGES

As cosplayers, we spend so much time and effort creating our outfits. So why not immortalise that by creating timeless and memorable images? Being in front of the camera is scary, but everyone can do it! In this panel A.K. Wirru will discuss key factors to a great photoshoot – from how to be confident in our poses, to how to bring the world of our characters into reality! Suit up everybody. It's time to WERK IT!

ECHOING ARTEMIS

Melissa (Echoing Artemis) is an award-winning cosplayer from Canberra who lost count of her outfits years ago. 2017 marks her fourteenth year of creating costumes, which she looks forward to sharing with you. Cosplay has introduced Melissa to an endless array of skills and techniques, although she professes a particular fondness for sewing and wig-styling. It has also introduced her to incredible, like-minded folks and the community has quickly become one of her favourite parts of the hobby. She is passionate about ensuring that the community is a welcoming and positive place for others, aiming to give back through panels, online tutorials and encouragement. Melissa's alter ego is that of a registered psychologist. This allows her to support the community in unique ways, so you'll often find her speaking on mental health panels or checking in on Supanova's safe spaces. She's always happy to chat, so be sure to drop by and say hello!

SUPANOVA COSPLAY COMPETITION

The Supanova Cosplay Competition presented by Madman Entertainment is always the highlight of a Supanova weekend for so many people. So it's time to finish off your amazing costume, put together your best performance and make that stage your own as you compete for amazing prizes. Our cosplay judges will be looking for the best from all our entrants and rewarding those who stand above the rest.

In 2017 we welcome our new category sponsor Ironlak, who will be supporting our 'Saturday Best in Show' through the year with an amazing $1000 voucher on their range of incredible paints and other art supplies.

Best in Show: Overall, the standout costume from the entire competition!

Best Cosplay: Combining Character Portrayal, and Costume Quality!

Best Craftsmanship: For those dedicated to the craft that is Costume Making!

Best Performance: Entertaining, Engaging or Funny – this is a show after all!

Best Group: Two or More great costumes together, always amazing to see!

Judges Award: Some costumes deserve recognition, even if they don't fit other categories!

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MADMAN NATIONAL COSPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

(Melbourne Exclusive)

Cosplay fans around Australia, get excited! The Madman National Cosplay Championship returns in 2017 with a fresh new look! This year, Supanova will play host to 2 events – in Melbourne and Sydney – for the preliminary rounds of the championship. With a total of seven rounds featuring competitors from Australia and New Zealand, all competing for a place in the finals taking place this year for the first time at Madman Anime Festival in Melbourne, November 4-5. Come and see who will represent your state in Victoria and NSW only at Supanova!

COSPLAY REPAIR STATION

Attention Cosplayers! We've all had that dreadful moment at a convention: A costume malfunction, usually at the worst time. Something needs sewing. Something needs hot glue. Something needs to be done! But where to go for help? Cosplay HQ Repair Station, that's where! Our skilled team is able to assess and repair your costume, give you quality advice and get you out and ready for your photo shoots and onto the stage for the competition.

HEY SUPA FANS!

Cosplay has really become one the most amazing parts of Supanova over the past 15 years and we have had to put some rules in place about prop weapons and cosplay requirements. With the skills and quality of cosplay always growing, technology changing and legislative requirements which we all have to meet, Supanova has put them all into the new Supanova Cosplay Guidelines.

1. RESPECT EVERYONE
We are all here to have a great time!

2. EXCESSIVE PROP WEIGHTS
We don't want to see anyone injured by a heavy prop!

3. EXCESSIVE PROP AND COSTUME SIZES
We have increased the length restriction up to 1.5 metres!

4. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS
Some things are not allowed, we don't want to see them.

5. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
Metal Blade/Firearms are not safe for a convention!

6. COSPLAYHQ'S WEAPONS CHECK
We are here for the cosplayers of Supanova!

The Supanova Cosplay Guidelines were developed with months of feedback from the Australian cosplay community to balance the requests of cosplayers, but also the requirements of Supanova. Check out the Supanova Website for the full list of Supanova Cosplay Guidelines **http://www.supanova.com.au/weapons-policy/** or come speak to the team at CosplayHQ.

TIME	COSPLAY THEATRE sponsored by MADMAN	supanova SEMINARS
FRIDAY		
6.00pm	Supanova Official Opening Ceremony 6.00pm - 7.00pm	
6.30pm		
7.00pm		
7.30pm	Vic Mignogna 7.15pm - 8.00pm	Supanova Book Club 7.00pm - 8.00pm
8.00pm		
8.30pm	In Concert: Geek-pop Star Meri Amber 8.00pm - 9.00pm	John Jarratt Talks Boar (M) 8.00pm - 9.00pm
9.00pm		
SATURDAY		
10.30am	Stephanie Nadolny 10.30am - 11.30am	Creating Comics with Stewart McKenny, Wayne Nichols and Adam Nichols 10.30am - 11.30am
11.00am		
11.30am		
12.00pm	Nolan North 11.30am - 12.30pm	Supa-Screening: SPACE/TIME with Cast and Crew 11.30am - 12.30pm
12.30pm		
1.00pm	Vic Mignogna 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Through The Looking Glass: Seeing Ourselves in Popular Culture 12.30pm - 1.30pm
1.30pm		
2.00pm	David Boreanaz 1.30pm - 2.30pm	Stop Using that Trope! Lynette Noni, Jodi McAlister and Traci Harding 1.30pm - 2.30pm
2.30pm		
3.00pm	Ai Nonaka 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Female Characters Feature! Meredith Finch, Tom Taylor and Alisha Jade 2.30pm - 3.30pm
3.30pm		
4.00pm	Supanova Cosplay Competition 3.30pm - 5.30pm	Geek's Guide to Depression: What To Do When It Hits You Hard 3.30pm - 4.30pm
4.30pm		
5.00pm		Researching the Novel with Maria Lewis, Keri Arthur and Sulari Gentill 4.30pm - 5.30pm
5.30pm		
SUNDAY		
		Supanova Superhero Parade! From Kurrawa Park to Surf Parade, Broadbeach 9.00am
10.30am		
11.00am		
11.30am	Anime Trivia thanks to Anime at Abbotsford 11.00am - 12.00pm	Welcome to the Wolf Pack! with Patricia Briggs, Maria Lewis and Keri Arthur 11.00am - 12.00pm
12.00pm		
12.30pm	Nolan North 12.00pm - 1.00pm	Licensed vs. Creator Owned with Tom Taylor, Meredith Finch, Dean Rankine and Gregory Mackay 12.00pm - 1.00pm
1.00pm		
1.30pm	David Boreanaz 1.00pm - 2.00pm	Celebrate the Harry Potter Books with Professor Frankie Falconette 1.00pm - 2.00pm
2.00pm		
2.30pm	Stephanie Nadolny 2.00pm - 3.00pm	"Supa-Star Sketch-Off: David Finch, Esad Ribic and David Yardin" 2.00pm - 3.00pm
3.00pm		
3.30pm	Live Performance by TAFE Queensland Gold Coast and University of Canberra Bachelor of Contemporary Music Practice Students 3.00pm - 4.00pm	Comics and Mental Health with Alisha Jade and Phoebe Ayscough 3.00pm - 4.00pm
4.00pm		
4.30pm	Supanova Cosplay Competition featuring Kamehameha! 4.00pm - 6.00pm	Fantastic Beasts and How to Write Them with Lynette Noni, Traci Harding, Jodi McAlister and Sulari Gentill 4.00pm - 5.00pm
5.00pm		
5.30pm		CLOSED
6.00pm		

FILM AND TV STARS | VOICE ACTORS | WRITERS | COMIC CREATORS AND ILLUSTRATORS

FILM INK FEATURES THEATRE

APRIL 21, 2017	TIME
	6.00pm
	6.30pm
	7.00pm
Supa- Screening: Spaghettiman (M) 7.00pm - 8.300pm	7.30pm
	8.00pm
	8.30pm
	9.00pm

APRIL 22, 2017	
	10.30am
Tom Hopper 10.30am - 11.30am	11.00am
	11.30am
Jessica Harmon and Marie Avgeropoulos 11.30am - 12.30pm	12.00pm
	12.30pm
Supa-Screening: Project Eden with Cast and Crew 12.30pm - 1.30pm	1.00pm
	1.30pm
Austin St. John 1.30pm - 2.30pm	2.00pm
	2.30pm
Supa-Screening: Cleverman with Cast and Crew 2.30pm - 3.30pm	3.00pm
	3.30pm
Moon Called: Spotlight on Patricia Briggs 3.30pm - 4.30pm	4.00pm
	4.30pm
DC Heroes and Villains - Cory Michael Smith, Manu Bennett and Mehcad Brooks 4.30pm - 5.30pm	5.00pm
	5.30pm

APRIL 23, 2017	
	10.30am
	11.00am
John Jarratt (M) 11.00am - 12.00pm	11.30am
	12.00pm
Craig Parker 12.00pm - 1.00pm	12.30pm
	1.00pm
The Shannara Chronicles with Ivana Baquero and Manu Bennett 1.00pm - 2.00pm	1.30pm
	2.00pm
Luke Mitchell and Rebecca Breeds 2.00pm - 3.00pm	2.30pm
	3.00pm
Supa-Screening: The Osiris Child: Science Fiction Volume One with Cast and Crew 3.00pm - 4.00pm	3.30pm
	4.00pm
Supa-Screening: Blue World Order with Cast and Crew 4.00pm - 5.00pm	4.30pm
	5.00pm
CLOSED	5.30pm
	6.00pm

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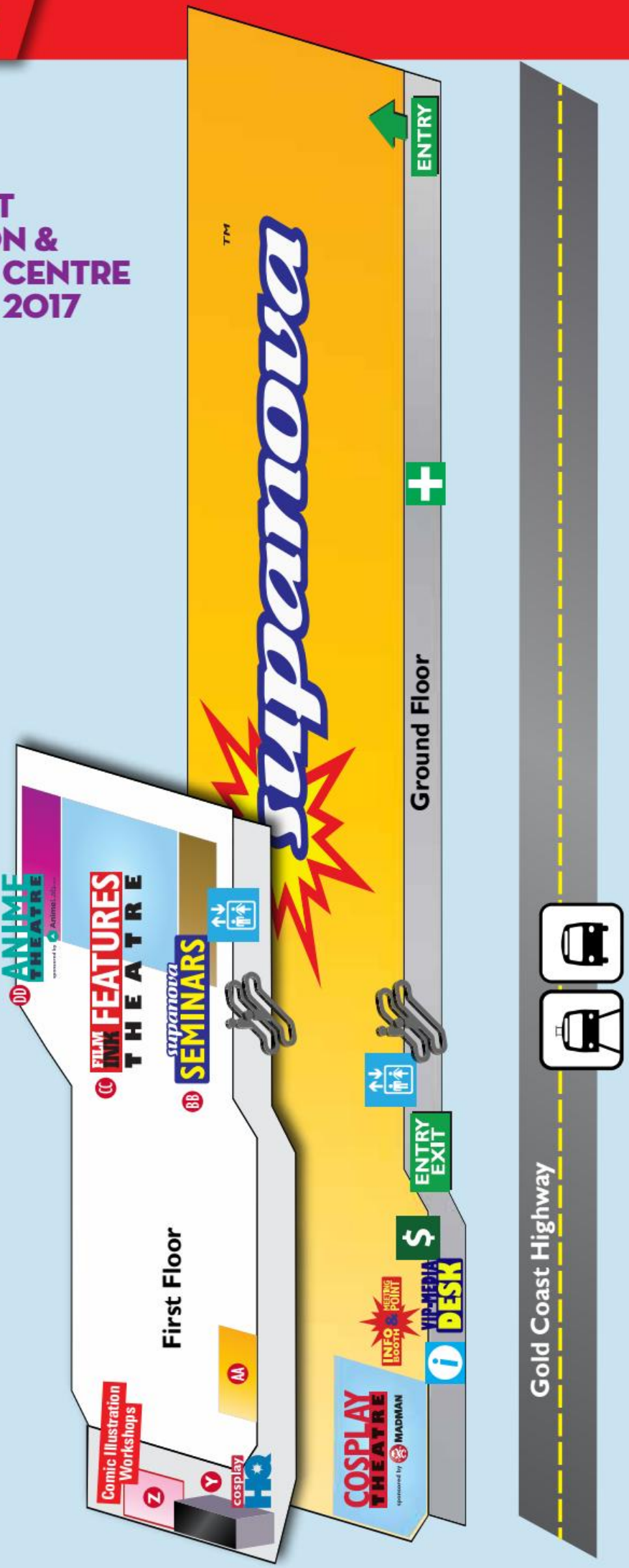

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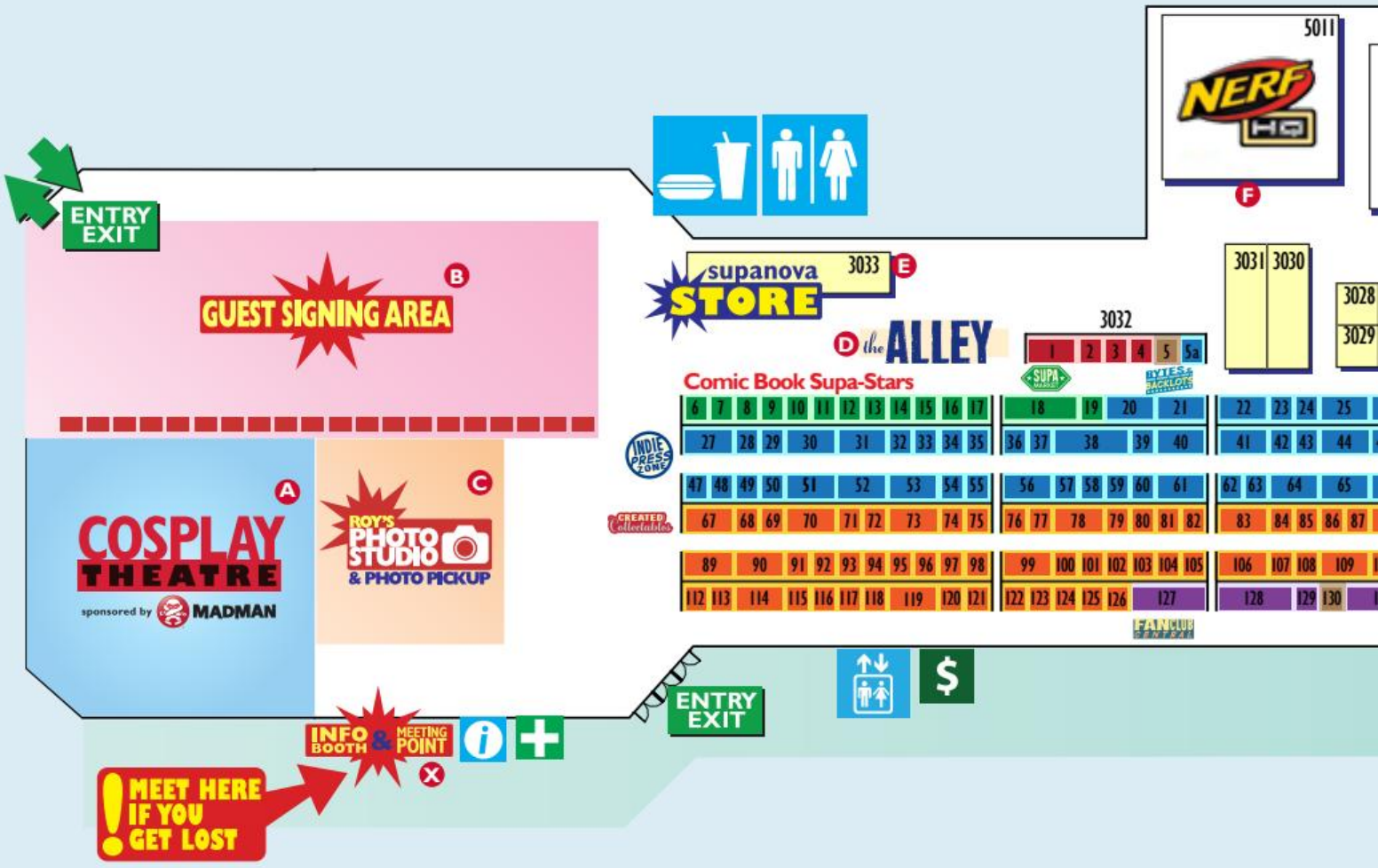
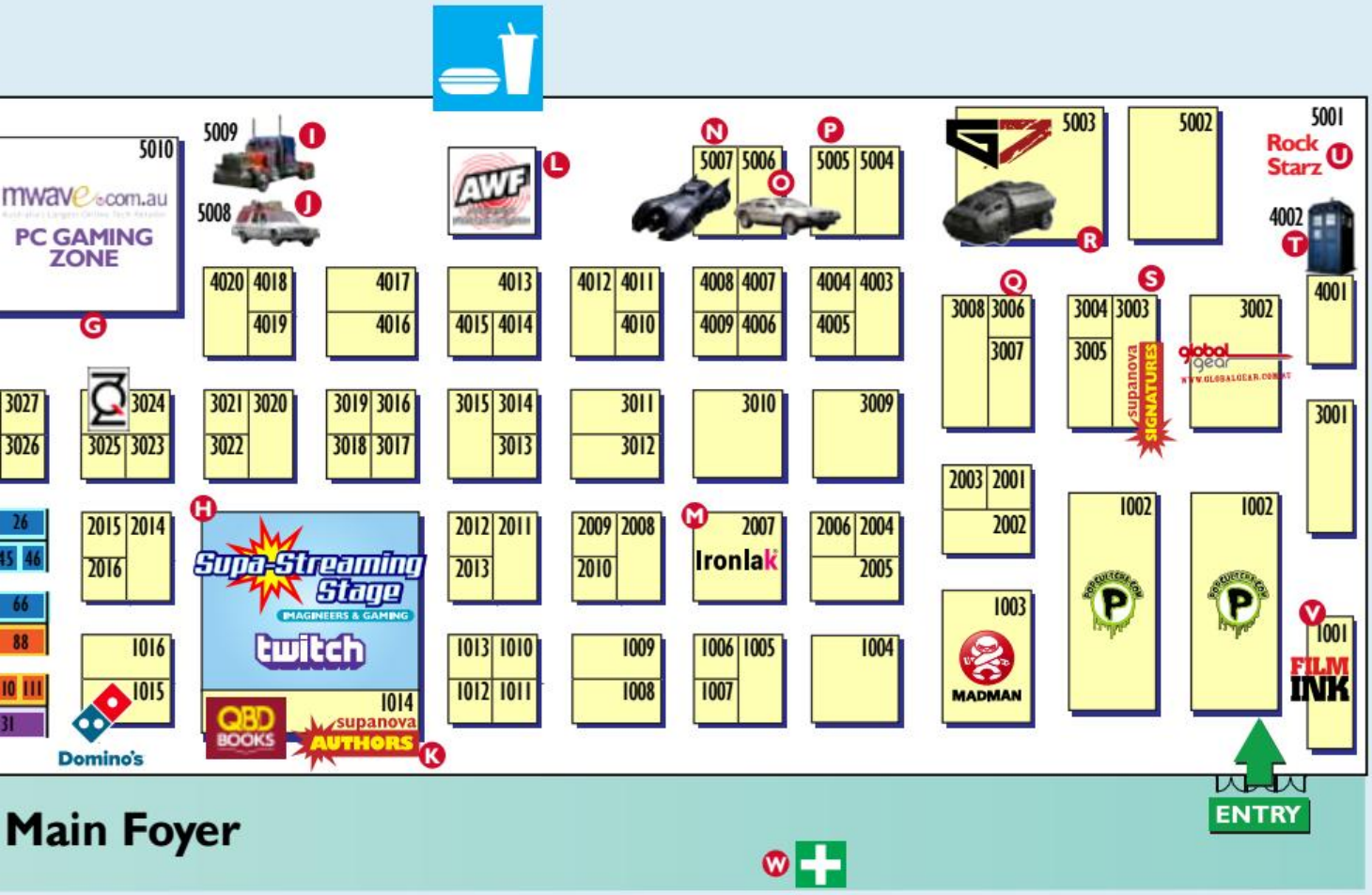


THE IMPORTANT STUFF

Here's a list of some of the essential locations to help you navigate your way through your Supanova weekend.

- **A** **Cosplay Theatre**. See page 26 for the schedule.
- **B** **Guest Signing Area** - where most of our film, TV and voice-actor stars are located.
- **C** **Roy's Photo Studio**. If you have your photo-op token, here's the place to redeem it!
- **D** **The Alley** is the place to find the Comic Book Supa-Star Signing Area as well as all of our artists and artisans!
- **E** **Supanova Store** is where you can get all your Supa-Star photo-op and signature tokens.
- **F** Bullseye targets at the **NERF HQ**. Show your friends what you're made of!
- **G** Jump on a PC and test your gaming skills in comps around the clock at the **Mwave PC Gaming Zone.**
- **H** **Supa-Streaming Stage**. See page 37 for the schedule.
- **I** Roll out with Optimus Prime, for real.
- **J** Who you gonna call? It's the Ecto 1, get a photo and you might see something strange.
- **K** **QBD Books** is home to all our Supa-Star Authors
- **L** **AWF Wrestling** is throwing down! Three shows daily Sat/Sun: 12pm, 2pm and 4pm.
- **M** Get creative and hands on at the **Ironlak Creative Corner.**
- **N** STOP! It's the 1989 Batmobile.
- **O** It's a Delorean, the base of the coolest time machine ever!
- **P** Meet the cast and crew from the exciting new Aussie film ***Blue World Order.***



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FILM INK FEATURES THEATRE

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MAP KEY

- SUPA-STARS
- INDIE PRESS ZONE
- CREATED COLLECTABLES
- FANCLUB CENTRAL
- SUPA-MARKET
- BYTES & BACKLOTS

TURN OVER
For the complete listings of all **Exhibitors** and everyone in **The Alley**

Q Meet the ***SPACE/TIME*** cast & crew, the latest Aussie sci-fi adventure.

R Visit the cast and crew of upcoming feature film, ***Garrison7***!

S **Supa-Star Signatures:** Past star signatures and Supanova Certificates of Authenticity.

T Take the time to see the TARDIS and get a pic; it's all relative.

U Rock out on stage with the Rock Starz crew.

V FilmInk is hosting ***Wolf Creek*** and ***Boar*** legend, and Supa-Star Ambassador, John Jarratt.

W First Aid.

X Info desk and Meeting Point in case you get separated from your friends or family.

Y **Cosplay HQ**. It's the place to register for interactive comps and weapons check-in.

Z Comic Illustration Workshop, learn from a professional, illustration 101.

AA headspace is just the place to chill out and check out of the expo for a few minutes.

AB **Supanova Seminars**. See page 30 for the schedule.

AC **FilmInk Theatre**. See page 30 for the schedule.

AD See the latest anime features in the **AnimeLab Theatre**. See page 37 for the schedule.

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SUPANOVA'S THE ALLEY!

MOST POP CULTURE CONVENTIONS HAVE AN ARTISTS' ALLEY. US? WE HAVE *THE ALLEY*! SHOWCASING INCREDIBLE ARTISTS, FAN CLUBS, STORYTELLERS AND TRADERS OF THE MOST AMAZING MERCH, THE ALLEY IS AN ABSOLUTE MUST-SEE FOR EVERY VISITOR TO SUPANOVA. TO MAKE IT EASIER TO DISCOVER WHAT MAKES YOUR HEART POUND OR SOAR, THE ALLEY IS DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING EASILY NAVIGATED DISTRICTS...

BYTES & BACKLOTS

This is the place for indie gaming and film/TV-based start-ups and promotions. Get in on the ground floor of these grass roots creative endeavours!

CREATED Collectables

The home of artisans and craftspeople producing their own prints, posters and postcards, jewellery and badges, t-shirts and other amazing wearables, mugs, frames, statues and any number of other incredible, singular products.

FANCLUB CENTRAL

The name says it all! Fans showing and sharing their love for their chosen obsessions. Hook up with kindred spirits and benefit from the camaraderie of shared interests. This is also where you'll find charity organisations.

INDIE PRESS ZONE

This is where storytellers of all kinds can be found. Whether presented in comics or graphic novels, self-published children's books or novels, manga or mini-comics, it's all here – presented by the creators, writers, artists and publishers themselves.

SUPA MARKET

This is where you can discover those hard to find collectables and imports, interesting and must have artifacts, and stuff that just can't be found anywhere else! The Supa Market fills the gap between the large importers and the lone creators.

AUTOGRAPH & PHOTO OPS

AUTOGRAPHS: 1. Purchase your Token/s from the Supanova Store or online at Moshtix. **2.** Take your Token or printed Barcode to the Supa-Star Signing Area and queue for your turn. **3.** Exchange your Token, or have your Barcode scanned, and get your celebrity print from the Supa-Star's assistant. If you have your own item, just hand in your token or barcode. **4.** Enjoy your moment with your favourite Supa-Star, and your newly signed item! **NOTE: a)** One (1) signature per Token **b)** Tokens and pre-purchased Barcodes are NON-REFUNDABLE and deemed void if you do not redeem them during the expo. Consider Tokens as if they're CASH as they cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.

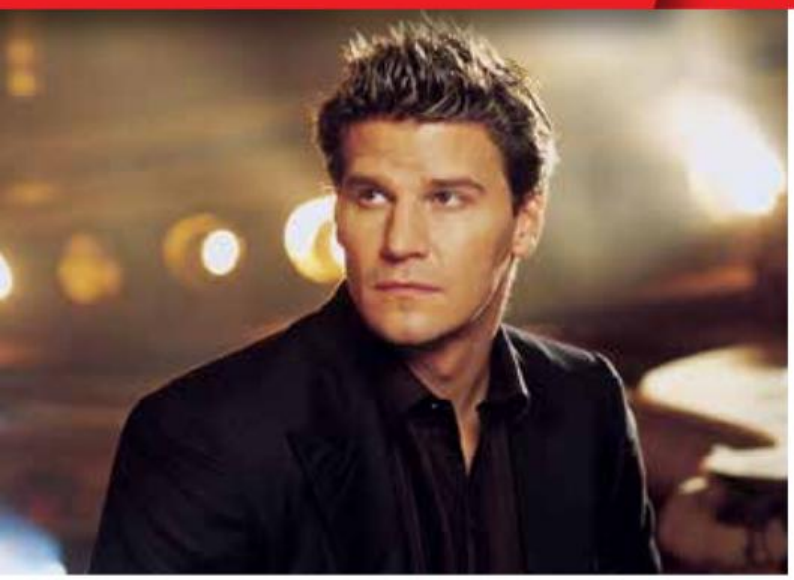
HOW TO REDEEM YOUR AUTOGRAPH & PHOTOGRAPH TOKENS

Bought your Token online? Jump straight to point 2! ***Some guests sell their autographs directly from their table and don't require a pre-purchased Token.***

PHOTOGRAPHS: 1. Purchase your Token/s from the Supanova Store. The photo session time is printed on the Token you purchase. **2.** Make sure you line up 10 minutes before your session at Roy's Photography Studio. **3.** Hand your Token or Barcode to the assistant as you enter the queue, they'll exchange it for a validation ticket. **4.** Hand over your validation ticket at the studio door and have your photo taken with the Supa-Star! **5.** Collect your photo collection docket on exiting the photo studio. **6.** Proceed straight to the Photo Collection Area where a volunteer will scan your docket and print your photo. **NOTE: a)** Photo fees do not include an autograph. To get your photo signed, you must have an autograph Token/Barcode as well (see above). **b)** Tokens are NON-REFUNDABLE if you do not redeem them during your nominated photo session. **c)** Consider Tokens as if they're CASH as they cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.

QUICK GUEST GUIDE

KNOW WHERE YOUR FAVOURITE SUPA-STAR GUESTS ARE ALL WEEKEND! CERTAIN GUESTS WILL BE IN HIGH DEMAND THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND, AND WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS THE CHANCE TO MEET YOUR FAVOURITE STAR (FOR AN AUTOGRAPH OR PHOTO) OR CATCH THEM AT A PANEL. HERE'S THE BREAKDOWN SO YOU KNOW WHERE TO BE AND HOW TO BUDGET.



MARIE AVGEROPOULOS
Autographs $50 **(Supa Star Signing Area),** Photo $60
Saturday Seminar at 11.30am – FilmInk Features;
Photos at 1.30pm (A), 4.35pm (B); with Jessica at 2.00pm (A), 5.05pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 12.20pm (A), 4.35pm (B);
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IVANA BAQUERO
Autographs $40 **(Supa Star Signing Area),** Photo $50
Saturday Photos at 12.35pm (B), 3.40pm (A);
with Manu at 12.30pm (B), 3.35pm (A)
Sunday Seminar at 1.00pm – FilmInk Features; Photos at 11.30am (B), 2.35pm (B); with Manu at 11.25am (B), 2.30pm (B)

MANU BENNETT
Autographs $50 **(Supa Star Signing Area),** Photo $60
Saturday Seminar at 4.30pm – FilmInk Features; Photos at 12.00pm (B), 3.05pm (A); with Ivana at 12.30pm (B), 3.35pm (A)
Sunday Seminar at 1.00pm – FilmInk Features; Photos at 11.00am (B), 2.05pm (B); with Ivana at 11.25am (B), 2.30pm (B)

DAVID BOREANAZ
Autographs $100 **(Supa Star Signing Area),** Photo $110
Friday Photos at 4.00pm (A), 7.30pm (A)
Saturday Seminar at 1.30pm – Cosplay Theatre;
Photos at 10.00am (A), 12.50pm (A), 4.10pm (A)
Sunday Seminar at 1.00pm – Cosplay Theatre; Photos at 10.00am (A), 2.00pm (A), 4.20pm (A)

REBECCA BREEDS
Autographs $40 **(Supa Star Signing Area),** Photo $50
Saturday Photos at 11.10am (B), 5.15pm (A);
with Luke at 11.05am (B), 5.10pm (A)
Sunday Seminar at 2.00pm – FilmInk Features; Photos at 12.20pm (B), 4.05pm (A); with Luke at 12.15pm (B), 4.00pm (A)

MEHCAD BROOKS
Autographs $50 **(Supa Star Signing Area),** Photo $60
Saturday Seminar at 4.30pm – FilmInk Features;
Photos at 11.35am (A), 3.20pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 11.55am (A), 3.00pm (B)

JESSICA HARMON
Autographs $40 **(Supa Star Signing Area),** Photo $50
Saturday Seminar at 11.30am – FilmInk Features; Photos at 2.05pm (A), 5.10pm (B); with Marie 2.00pm (A), 5.05pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 12.50 (A), 4.10pm (B);
with Marie 12.45pm (A), 4.30pm (B)

TOM HOPPER
Autographs $40 **(Supa Star Signing Area),** Photo $50
Saturday Seminar at 10.30am – FilmInk Features;
Photos at 11.25am (B), 4.10pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 12.35pm (B), 3.10pm (B)

JOHN JARRATT
Autographs $40 (FilmInk stand), Photo $50
Friday Seminar at 8.00pm – Supanova Seminar Room
Saturday Photos at 11.45am (A), 3.15pm (B)
Sunday Seminar at 11.00am – FilmInk Features;
Photos at 12.15pm (A), 3.35pm (A)

VIC MIGNOGNA
Autographs $30 + selfie $50, Photo $40 (Roy's),
$30 (selfie at table)
Friday Seminar at 7.15pm – Cosplay Theatre
Saturday Seminar at 12.30pm – Cosplay Theatre;
Photos at 2.55pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 3.35pm (B)

LUKE MITCHELL
Autographs $40 (Supa Star Signing Area), Photo $50
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with Rebecca at 11.05am (B), 5.10pm (A)
Sunday Seminar at 2.00pm – FilmInk Features; Photos at 11:55am (B), 3.40pm (A); with Rebecca at 12.15pm (B), 4.00pm (A)

STEPHANIE NADOLNY
Autographs $30, Photo $40, $30 (selfie at table)
Saturday Seminar at 10.30am – Cosplay Theatre;
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AI NONAKA
Autographs $40, Photo $40
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NOLAN NORTH
Autographs $40, Voice recordings $40,
Photo $40, $30 (selfie at table)
Saturday Seminar at 11.30am – Cosplay Theatre; Photo at 1.45pm (B)
Sunday Seminar at 12.00pm – Cosplay Theatre; Photo at 3.50pm (B)

CRAIG PARKER
Autographs $40 (Supa Star Signing Area), Photo $50
Saturday Photos at 12.00pm (A), 3.55pm (B)
Sunday Seminar at 12.00pm – FilmInk Features;
Photos at 1.05pm (B), 3.00pm (A)

CORY MICHAEL SMITH
Autographs $40 (Supa Star Signing Area), Photo $50
Saturday Seminar at 4.30pm – FilmInk Features;
Photos at 11.10am (A), 3.30pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 11.30am (A), 2.40pm (A)

AUSTIN ST. JOHN
Autographs $40 (Supa Star Signing Area),
Photo $50, Selfie at table for $40
Saturday Seminar at 1.30pm – FilmInk Features;
Photos at 11.50am (A), 4.25pm (B)
Sunday Photos at 12.05pm (A), 4.00pm (B)

All photos will take place at Roy's Photo Studio

A = STUDIO A B = STUDIO B

Make sure you line up at least 10 minutes before your session.
The Studio is located near the Supa-Star Signing Area.

See Page 33 to find out how autograph and photo sessions work.

Please note that all Supa-Star guests will be participating in signing sessions throughout each Saturday and Sunday, excluding their breaks, seminar times and photo sessions. If a guest is not listed on the Quick Guest Guide, they are participating in FREE autograph signings.

Supa-Streaming Stage

IMAGINEERS & GAMING

twitch

THANKS TO TWITCH WE'LL BE LIVE STREAMING ALL OF THE PANELS PRESENTED ON THE SUPA-STREAMING STAGE DURING THE WEEKEND. CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE PANEL - OR THE EXPO ITSELF? WATCH IT LIVE AT TWITCH.TV/SUPANOVAEXPO

BUILDING UP STEAM

The history and work of Steamkittens: The tale of one guy's attempt to learn photography through cosplay. A look at how images come together, before and after shots, processes and equipment, all while battling the loss of his vision.

FROM NERD TO "HERO" - HOW THE SONS OF OBIWAN GOT INTO THE FILM BIZ

Meet the founders of Sons of Obiwan, from their start as a little nerdy theatre combat school aimed at adults, kids, special needs and those with autism to their current project, the charity film project, ***Hero***. The film cast Supa-Star Ambassador John Jarratt and was made for Supanova alumna Greg Grunberg's charity **talkaboutit.org** – raising awareness for Epilepsy!

GENA8 FX WORKSHOP WITH ARTIST SARAH MUDLE

Learn to how develop the skills and techniques to bring you to the next level in your career as a makeup artist, cosplayer, independent filmmaker or creator. Come and meet internet sensation Sarah Mudle and other guests from the Gena8 Studios FX team as they share their knowledge with Supanova supporters.

SUPA-STELLAR

GAME ON

Introducing Supanova's very own eSports team!

Hailing from all over Australia, team **Supa-Stellar** comprises of five women representing Supanova as a pro eSports team. You'll have the chance to meet **Shadowfax** (Team Captain) and **KelLostTheGame** on the Gold Coast. Watch them battle it out on stage and offer insight on how to get in to professional gaming. **rachelele** will be appearing in Melbourne while **Queenbig** from Sydney will be appearing at the June Expo. Make sure to give them a warm welcome and follow them on twitter at **@supastellar!**

Supa-Streaming 101 is a series of information sessions that bring together online influencers, gamers and creatives from all genres to teach you how to get the most out of live-streaming. The April series is hosted by Lewis Mitchell, Partner Associate at Twitch.

Streaming 101: How to Get Started with Streaming – Tech, specs and skills to start streaming.

Supa-Streaming Stage

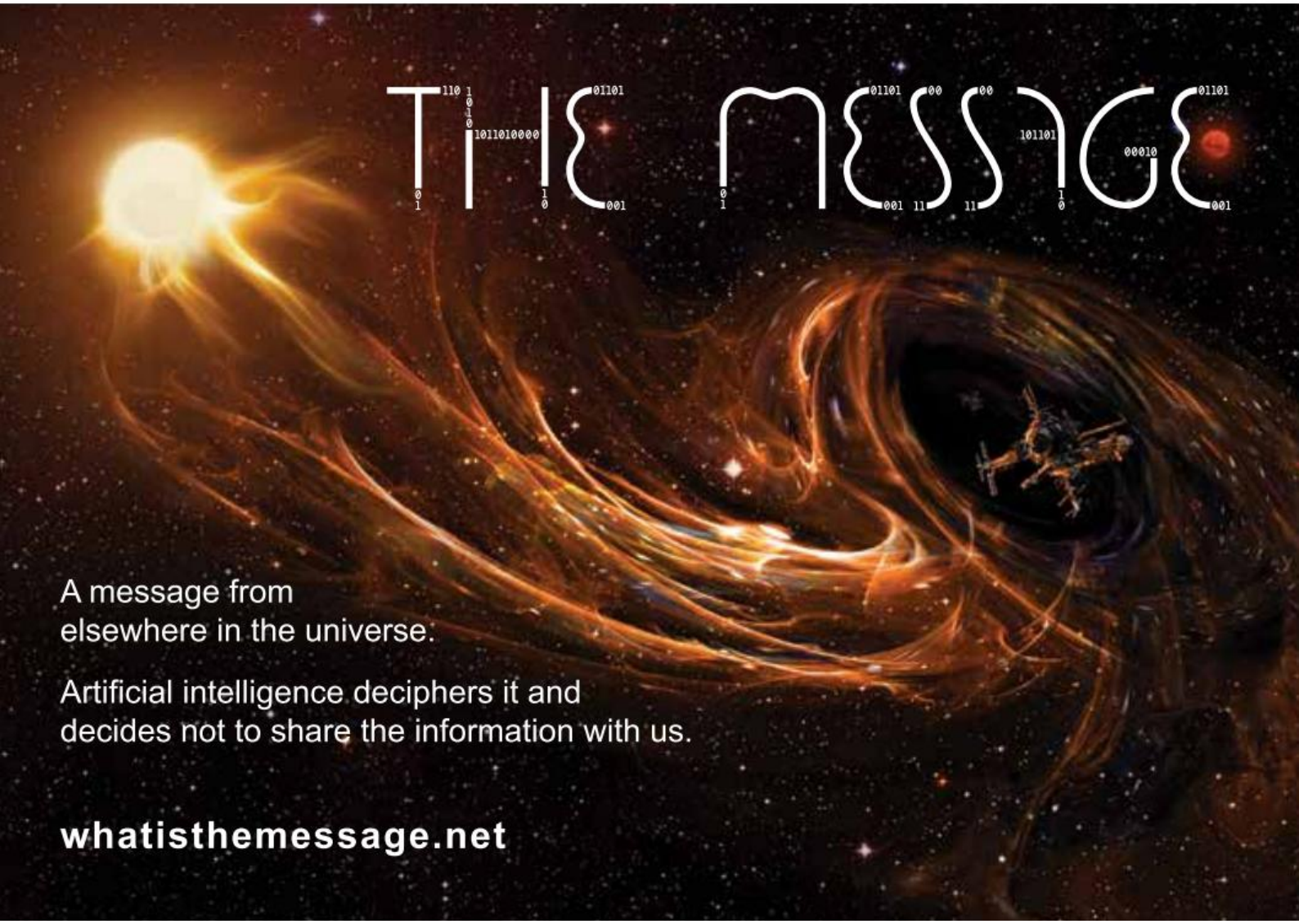
IMAGINEERS & GAMING

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Start	Finish	
10.30am	11.30am	Gary Clark of the Australian Cartoonists' Association Chats About Swamp!
11.30am	12.30pm	Echoing Artemis Presents Untangled: Working with Wigs
12.30pm	1.30pm	ZQRacing Presents: Play a Celeb!
1.30pm	2.30pm	Basics in Cosplay Electrical and Lighting with Putty and Zaphy
2.30pm	3.30pm	From Nerd to "Hero": How The Sons of Obiwan Got Into The Film Biz
3.30pm	4.30pm	Streaming 101: How to Get Started with Twitch Streaming
4.30pm	5.30pm	Expression Sessions with Ironlak Art and Design

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Start	Finish	
11.00am	12.00pm	A.K. Wirru Presents Bringing Characters to Life: Creating Memorable Images
12.00pm	1.00pm	Getting into The Game: Q&A with Pro-Gamers
1.00pm	2.00pm	Building Up Steam: The History and Work of Steamkittens
2.00pm	3.00pm	Colour Theory with Adam Nichols
3.00pm	4.00pm	GENA8 FX Workshop with Artist Sarah Mudle
4.00pm	5.00pm	Play A Pro: You v. Supa-Stellars!



SUPA-SCREENINGS

BE THE FIRST TO SEE THESE EXCITING NEW RELEASES, COURTESY OF SUPANOVA.

ANIME THEATRE

sponsored by AnimeLab

Treat yourself to the latest and greatest anime series in the AnimeLab Theatre. From hit shows like ***Sailor Moon Crystal***, ***Attack on Titan*** and ***Beyond the Boundary*** to special mini-games, there'll be something for everyone.

BORUTO NARUTO THE MOVIE

Another dazzling entry in the *Naruto* series, ***Boruto: Naruto The Movie*** is fully loaded with action and excitement as Naruto Uzumaki puts his skills and abilities to the test in the Chunin Exams.

TERRA FORMERS

In this eye-popping jolt of Japanese sci-fi, a crew of hardened criminals are sent to Mars to battle a planet overrun by cockroaches that have evolved into brutal, humanoid killing machines intent on slaughtering humans.

ASSASSINATION CLASSROOM THE MOVIE

It's time for a double period of ***Assassination Classroom***! A tentacled teacher is out to conquer the classroom after destroying seventy percent of the moon. Now, the students of Class 3-E must wipe out their new teacher before graduation, or he wipes out the Earth!

ANIME THEATRE

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FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Start	Finish	
7.00pm	9.00pm	Terra Formars (MA15+)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Start		
10.00am	10.30am	Durarara!!x2 (M)
10.30am	10.55am	God Eater (M)
10.55am	11.15am	Monthly Girls Nozaki-kun (PG)
11.15am	11.40am	Re-Kan! (M)
11.40am	12.05pm	Beyond the Boundary (M)
12.05pm	1.45pm	Boruto: Naruto the Movie - English Dub Premiere (M)
1.45pm	2.45pm	Boruto: Naruto Next Generations (M)
2.45pm	3.45pm	Sailor Moon Crystal (G)
3.45pm	4.45pm	Death Note (M)
4.45pm	5.45pm	Charlotte (MA15+)
5.45pm	6.05pm	Blue Exorcist (M)

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Start		
10.30am	10.55am	God Eater (M)
10.55am	11.15am	Monthly Girls Nozaki-kun (PG)
11.15am	11.40am	Re-Kan! (M)
11.40am	12.05pm	Beyond the Boundary (M)
12.05pm	1.05pm	Madman Industry Panel with Sly and Jess
1.05pm	2.55pm	Assassination Classroom The Movie (M)
3.00pm	3.50pm	Snow White with the Red Hair (G)
4.00pm	4.50pm	Attack on Titan Season 2 (MA15+)
5.00pm	5.50pm	One Punch Man (MA15+)

IT'S LIVE! in Queensland

GOLD COAST FILM FESTIVAL

BRINGING FILMS TO LIFE

19 – 30 APRIL 2017

Catch new films from Australia and around the world, enjoy outdoor screenings, learn more about filmmaking and meet cast and crew.

Friday 21 April, 6pm
Sunday 23 April, 7pm
The Arts Centre Gold Coast

This supremely ambitious science fiction spectacle from Australian filmmaker Shane Abbess is packed to the brim with breathtaking action set-pieces and extraordinary FX. We follow Daniel Macpherson's Kane as he races to find his daughter before the planet they are on is destroyed.

Join director Shane Abbess, producer Brett Thornquest and stars Kellan Lutz, Isabel Lucas, Temuera Morrison and Teagan Croft for red carpet arrivals and a Q&A on Friday, plus a Q&A after the Sunday screening.

Friday 28 April, 8.30pm
The Arts Centre Gold Coast

Straight from Sundance 2017, XX is the first horror anthology film to be completely written and directed by female filmmakers. From a twisted take on motherhood to carnage on the camping ground, these four macabre stories swing from terrifying to hilarious while consistently delivering a fun night at the movies.

Join director Roxanne Benjamin for a Q&A after the screening.

FOR TIMES & TICKETS VISIT **www.gcfilmfestival.com**

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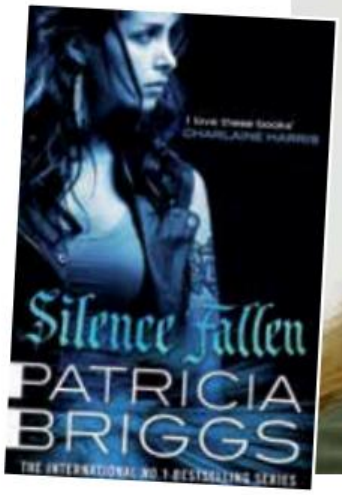
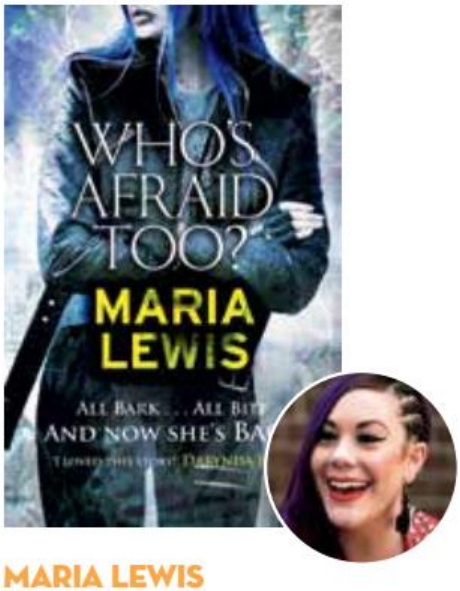
SUPANOVA PROVES THAT THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD WITH APPEARANCES FROM THE BEST AUTHORS IN FANTASY, ACTION, HORROR, AND SCIENCE FICTION.

PATRICIA BRIGGS

A regular fixture on *The New York Times'* bestseller lists, this prolific author has successfully blended traditional and urban fantasy with the ***Alpha and Omega*** and ***Mercy Thompson*** series, which hit new heights with the thrilling recent installment, ***Silence Fallen***.





MARIA LEWIS

A journalist, entertainment reporter, movie obsessive, and broadcaster, Sydney-based Maria Lewis already has a suitably rabid fan base, thanks to her striking debut novel, the unconventional werewolf tale, ***Who's Afraid?***, and its sequel, ***Who's Afraid Too?***, which came out earlier this year.

LYNETTE NONI

Hailing from Queensland, Lynette Noni is the author of ***The Medoran Chronicles*** – ***Akarnae***, ***Raelia***, and most recently, ***Draekora*** – which fuses magic, wonder, willpower and technology, and plays out like ***Harry Potter*** meets ***Narnia*** meets ***The X-Men***. An active blogger, Lynette has an impressive and rapidly growing international following.

KERI ARTHUR

This Melbourne-based author of the bestselling ***Riley Jenson Guardian***, ***Souls Of Fire***, and ***Dark Angels*** series has now written more than 25 books of horror, fantasy, science fiction, and romance, including her most recent work, ***Winter Halo***, which is the second in her ***Outcast*** series. Keri also recently released ***Book 3: Flameout*** from her *Souls of Fire* series and will release ***Blood Kissed*** in May, the first book in ***The Lizzie Grace*** series.

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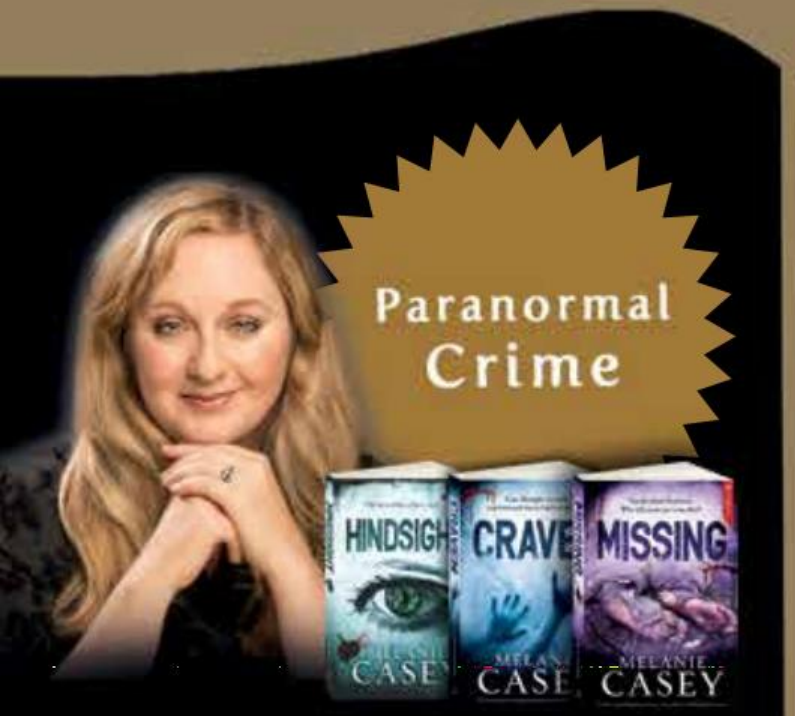

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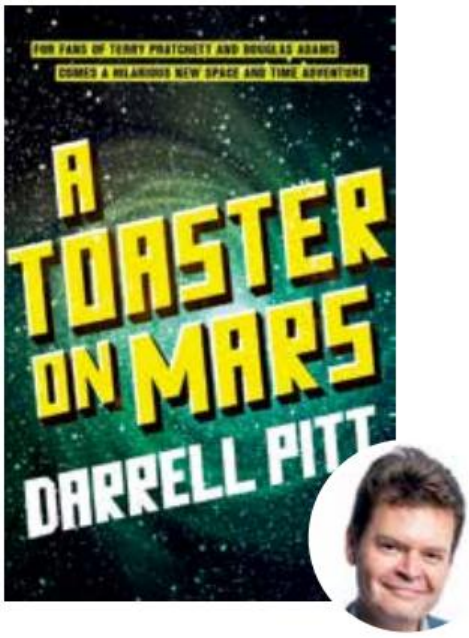
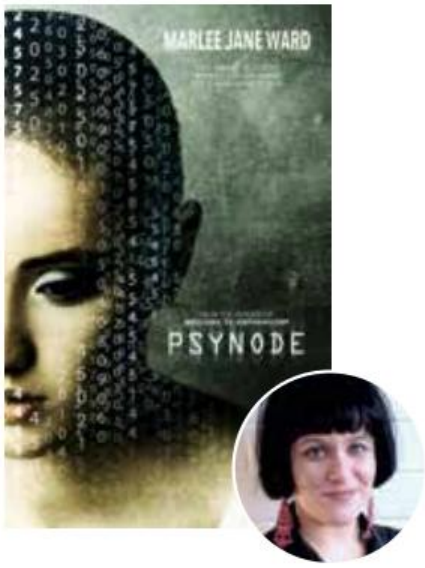
SULARI GENTILL (Gold Coast Exclusive)
This Sri Lankan-born, Australia-based author has put a new spin on ancient myths with ***The Hero Trilogy*** (***Chasing Odysseus***, ***Trying War***, ***The Blood of Wolves***), and successfully reconfigured the 1930s with the noir stylings of ***The Rowland Sinclair Mystery Series***.

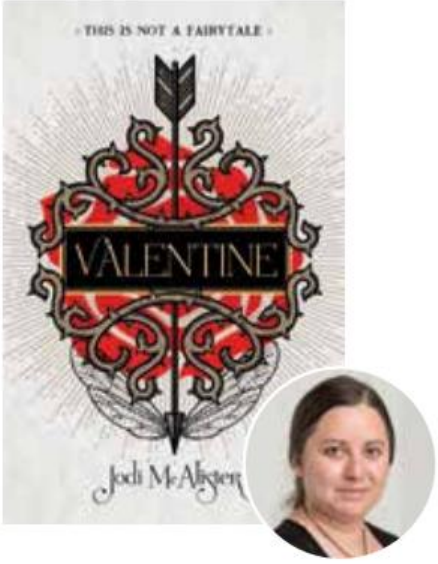


DARRELL PITT (Melbourne Exclusive)
Heavily inspired by the Victorian fantasy of H.G. Wells and Jules Verne, this Melbourne author's key works include ***A Toaster on Mars*** and the ***Jack Mason Adventures***, a series of five novels including ***The Firebird Mystery*** and, most recently, ***The Lost Sword***.

TRACI HARDING
(Gold Coast Exclusive)
Blending fantasy, fact, time travel and quantum physics, the works of Australian author, Traci Harding – ***The Timekeepers Trilogy***, ***The Ancient Future Trilogy***, and most recently, ***The Immortal Bind*** – are a genre unto themselves.



MARLEE JANE WARD
(Melbourne Exclusive)
Originally from the Central Coast of NSW, this Melbourne-based author's debut novella, ***Welcome To Orphancorp***, won Seizure's Viva La Novella 3 and the 2016 Victorian Premiers Literary Award for Young Adult Fiction. The second book in the series, ***Psynode***, is set for release in May 2017.



JODI MCALISTER
Originally from coastal NSW, Kiama, now a literary historian and lecturer in English at the University of Tasmania, the Kate Bush obsessive made an auspicious writing debut with the YA novel, ***Valentine***, a paranormal charmer featuring smart girls and creepy fairies, which ties in nicely to her academic work, which focuses on the history of love, sex, women and girls, popular culture and literature.

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ESAD RIBIC

Esad Ribic is a Croatian comic book artist most notable for his work on various titles for Marvel Comics, including ***Secret Wars***, ***Thor: God of Thunder***, ***Cable***, ***Uncanny X-Men***, ***Ultimate X-Men***, ***Loki***, ***Sub-Mariner: The Depths***, ***Silver Surfer: Requiem***, and most recently, the covers for ***Gamora***.

DAVID FINCH

Acclaimed for the creator-owned successes ***Ascension*** and ***Aphrodite IX*** and hits like ***Ultimate X-Men***, ***New Avengers***, ***Batman: Dark Knight***, ***Justice League of America*** and ***Wonder Woman***, the raw and gritty aesthetic of David Finch has also been used to great effect in film, video games and the music industry. His breathtaking eye for detail is now on show in the pages of ***Batman*** with comic writer Tom King.

MEREDITH FINCH

Writing some of the comic book world's most iconic female heroes in ***Wonder Woman*** and ***Catwoman: Election Night***, Meredith Finch has now moved into the domain of creator-owned comics with the female-driven title, ***Rose***, which mixes mythology with modern themes, and is released by Image Comics in April 2017.

DEAN RANKINE

An accomplished writer and artist, Dean Rankine's credits include ***Simpsons Comics***, ***Futurama***, ***Australian MAD Magazine***, and ***The Hellboy Winter Special 2016***. He is also the creator of ***Itty Bitty Bunnies In Rainbow Pixie Candy Land***.

DAVID YARDIN

As well as working on promotional art for Marvel Studios' biggest movie releases, this Sydney artist is currently the regular cover illustrator on ***Jean Grey***, with his stunning images also gracing the pages of ***X-Factor***, ***Injustice: Gods Among Us***, ***Civil War II: X-Men*** and ***Extraordinary X-Men***.

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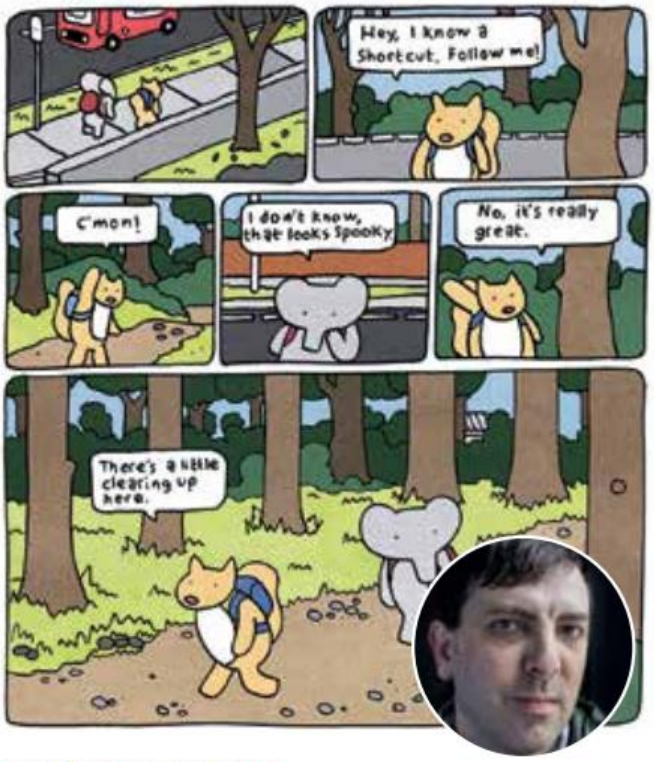
TOM TAYLOR

Once a professional juggler and fire-eater, this acclaimed Australian comic book author wrote the graphic novel ***The Deep: Here be Dragons*** and its sequel ***The Vanishing Island,*** and was co-creator and head writer on its popular TV show spin-off ***The Deep***. He wrote the graphic novel ***The Example*** (adapted from his own play), and is well known for his many ***Star Wars*** publications, and his work on ***Injustice: Gods Among Us***, ***Earth-Two***, and most recently, ***All-New Wolverine***.

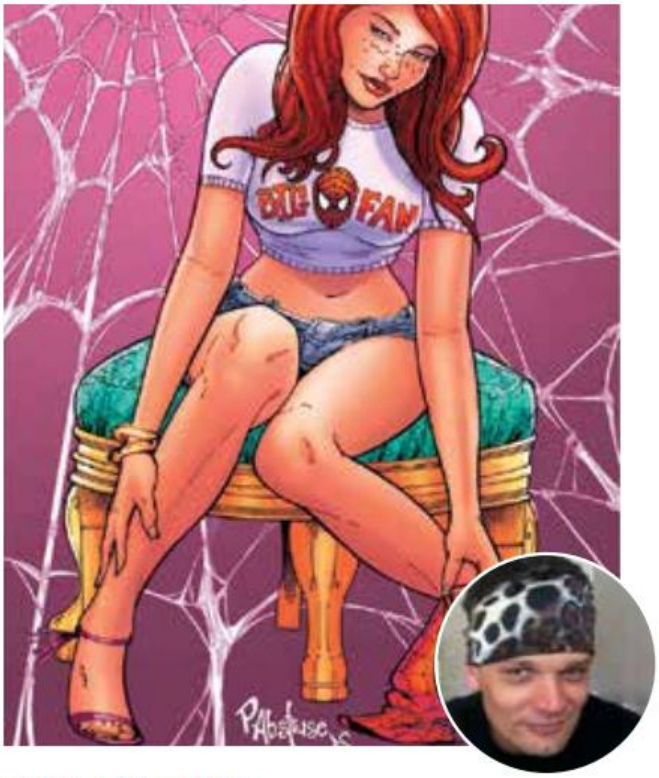
ALISHA JADE

Alisha Jade is a Brisbane-based comics creator and is the unstoppable, highly creative force behind Oh My! Comics (***Seven***, ***Seeds of Svalbard***). Her work has also featured in several anthologies, including ***Starrytellers***, which she co-produced and successfully kick-started.



GREGORY MACKAY

Making comics since school, Gregory Mackay is an Australian cartoonist and artist best known for his Silver Ledger Award winning graphic novel, ***Anders and the Comet***, and its follow-up, ***Anders and the Volcano***, as well as the ***Francis Bear*** comics series and his satirical work for VICE.com.



PAUL ABSTRUSE

A comic book illustrator and writer, this Sydney-based artist has also cornered the market in "geek tattoos." Whether it's a ***Hellboy*** sleeve or a small ***Pokémon*** wrist tattoo, Paul will make sure that you receive a quality, affordable and unique tattoo to satisfy your inner geek. Paul is currently hard at work on two creator-owned projects, the supernatural horror written by Jason Franks, ***The Left Hand Path***, and the sci-fi steampunk thriller ***Enormis***, written by Hayden Fryer.

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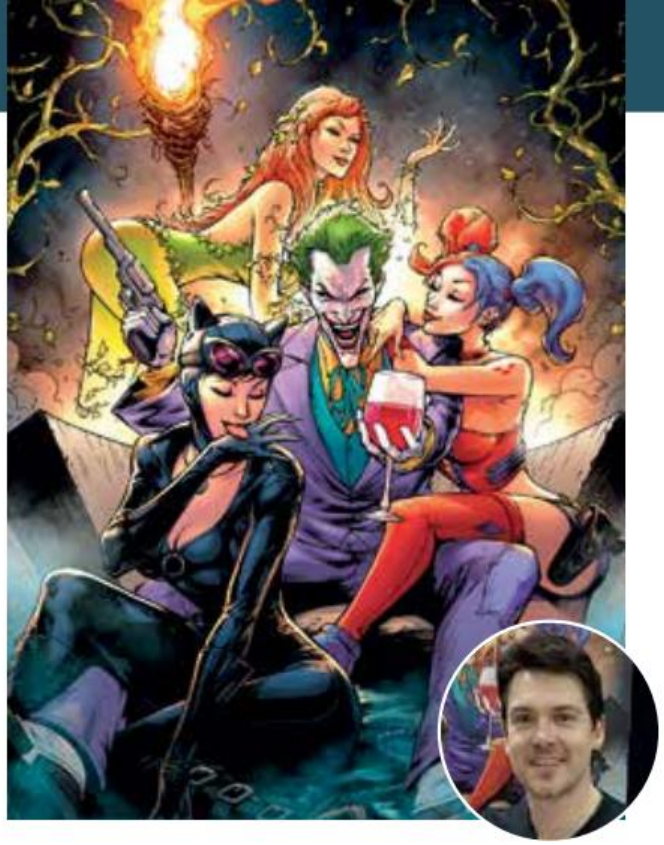
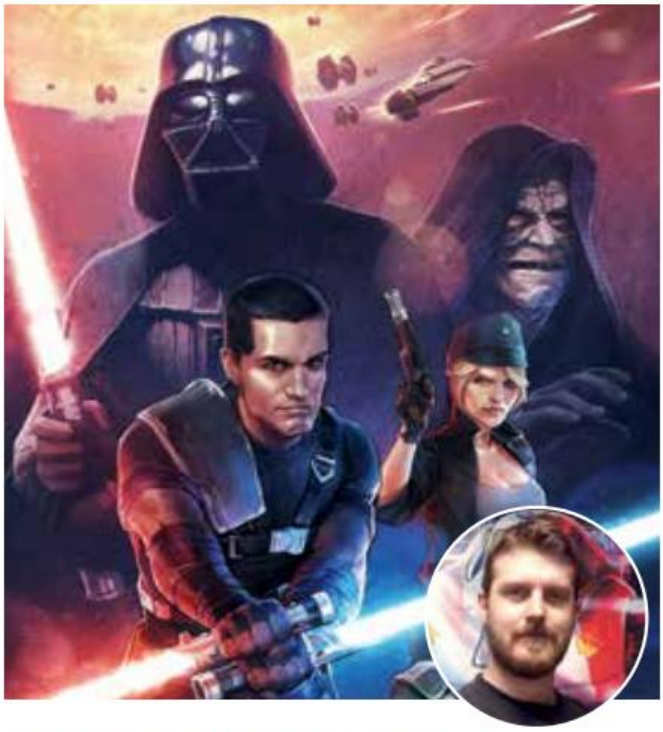
PHOEBE AYSCOUGH (Gold Coast Exclusive)
Brisbane-based Phoebe Ayscough has self-published both online and in print, including her slice-of-life web-comic, ***The World in the Morning***, and ***Nana's Bad Day***, an animated short about the daily difficulties of autistic girls. Alongside her work in comics and illustration, Phoebe continues to work in the animation industry as a character animator, concept designer and story artist.



WAYNE NICHOLS (Gold Coast Exclusive)
This Australian comic book artist and commercial illustrator is best known for his work in the American comic book industry illustrating titles such as ***Orphan Black: Deviations***, ***Star Wars: The Force Unleashed***, ***The X-Files Christmas Special 2016*** and ***Popgun Vol. 4***. Wayne also regularly contributes illustration, concept art and storyboards for a long list of leading Australian and international commercial clients.



ADAM NICHOLS (Gold Coast Exclusive)
An Australian games concept designer, illustrator and art director, Adam Nichols has worked on titles such as ***Star Wars: The Force Unleashed***, ***Hellboy: The Science of Evil***, ***The Clone Wars: The Republic Heroes***, ***Blade Kitten***, ***TY The Tasmanian Tiger*** and ***Fruit Ninja***.

STEWART MCKENNY (Gold Coast Exclusive)
As one of Australia's most prolific comic book artists, Stewart has worked for major publishers both within Australia and overseas, including Dark Horse, Marvel and DC, on the likes of ***Super Friends***, ***Captain America***, and ***Star Wars Tales***.

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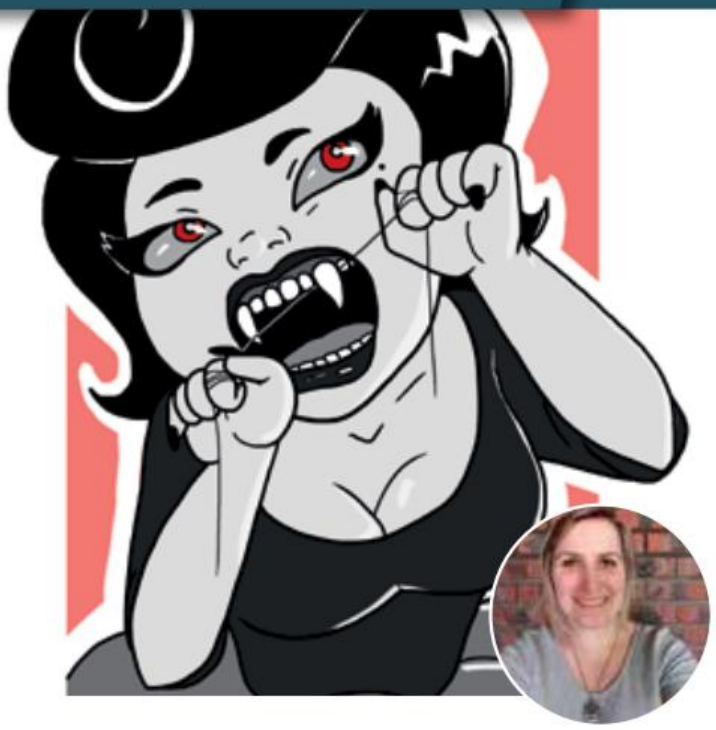

CLAIRE MURRAY (Melbourne Exclusive)
In 2015, Bendigo's Claire Murray was one of the recipients of Squishface Studio's Microgrant, with which she printed her first short comic, ***Ripple***. She has since followed that up with ***Living With It***, which follows the complicated daily life of a superhero with Type 1 Diabetes. Later this year Claire hopes to launch a webcomic, and spends most of her spare time working towards this goal.

DARREN CLOSE (Melbourne Exclusive)
A staple of the Australian comics scene for over 15 years, this writer and artist is the creator of the famous Australian comic book character, ***Killeroo*** – the urban legend of the outback. Darren has also worked with Jason Badower on international comic titles ***Wonder Woman '66*** and ***Ipso Facto***, while his 24 hour comic, ***Struggle***, was named Best Australian Original Comic Book of 2015 by ComicOz.

JEFFREY "CHAMBA" CRUZ (Melbourne Exclusive)
Jeffrey "Chamba" Cruz is a Melbourne based comic artist and illustrator whose credits include ***Street Fighter II Turbo***, ***TMNT*** and the cult feature film ***Sucker Punch***. He is currently in the pre-production stage of the second volume of his original comic ***RandomVeus*** for UDON Entertainment.

MARTIN ABEL (Melbourne Exclusive)
An in-demand commercial illustrator, this Tasmanian based artist is best known for his captivating pin-up art, as well as his book, ***Nightmares and Visions*** and covers for Zenescope. In 2017, he has also completed two covers for Aspen Comics, and is working on several apps and table top games right now. Martin loves conventions and meeting and chatting with his followers and new fans, so come say hi!

MIKE KROME (Melbourne Exclusive)
Mike Krome is a British/Australian artist whose work includes children's books, magazines, computer games, and comics such as JP Roth's ***Ancient Dreams***, ***Southern Nightgown***, Aspen/Big Dog Ink's ***Shahrazad***, and the sci-fi series ***Crysalis***.

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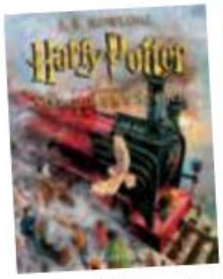
Geeks Guide to Depression: What To Do When It Hits You Hard (Gold Coast Exclusive)
Many of us struggle with depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses. But why do geeks seem particularly vulnerable? And are there any solutions that may be uniquely relevant to our community? This talk will explain how depression works, and explore geek-specific strategies that will help you reset, reload, and begin your quest anew. Together, we can all write a new chapter of our life's story. And yes, there will be *Star Wars* references…

The Banksia Project
In partnership with Supanova, Petrie Press' Alisha Jade created The Banksia Project, a mentoring program for Australian women wanting to try their hand at exposure through pop culture and comic-cons. 2017 recipients Phoebe Ayscough (Gold Coast) and Claire Murray (Melbourne) will join Alisha in The Alley, as well as on stage. If you're an emerging comic creator identifying as female, learn more about the Banskia Project at **www.petriepress.com** or visit Alisha in The Alley

LITERARY PANELS



Celebrate the Harry Potter books! (Gold Coast Exclusive)
Explore the magical world of the Harry Potter books with Professor Frankie Falconette, as she brings to life the characters, creatures and adventures from J.K. Rowling's bestselling series. A fun, interactive event for ages 9-12, whether you are new to the books or a dedicated fan. Come dressed as your favourite Harry Potter character and bring your own Harry Potter books for Professor Frankie to stamp with her special stamp.

Supanova Book Club
Join our guests as they chat about their favourite books, movies and TV series. Which books or movie influenced their writing; which characters do they wish they had written? Bring your own book recommendations because everyone is looking for a new reading or viewing obsession.

Welcome to the Wolfpack
For our panel of best-selling authors, gone are the sparkly vampires and here to stay are kick-ass heroines – who sometimes have a tendency to devour townspeople and sprout fur when the full moon rises.

Fantastic Beasts and How to Write Them
With very few of us being trained Magizoologists, is writing fantastic beasts, creatures and monsters still achievable? Luckily, we have scoured the Muggle world to find the most talented writers willing to share their secrets. You won't even need a Revelio charm!

COMIC PANELS

Female Characters Feature!
Join Meredith Finch, Tom Taylor and Alisha Jade, as they discuss the influx of high profile female characters in TV, movies and comics, including Netflix series (***Daredevil, Jessica Jones, Luke Cage***), DC TV series (***Supergirl, Legends of Tomorrow, Arrow***), movies (***Black Widow, Lady Sif, Rey***), Comics (***X-23, Black Widow, Captain Marvel, Wonder Woman***).

Creating Comics With....
Come along and listen to talented creators as they chat about their work and what they're currently working on. Ask them about non-comics work, their fave movies/TV series, what music they prefer and generally gain insight into their world!

Gary Clark of the Australian Cartoonists' Association Chats about *Swamp*!
Join Gary Clark, creator of the comic strip ***Swamp***, as he gives a talk about his 30 years as a professional comic strip artist, showcasing highlights of an illustrious award-winning career in cartooning. Learn about his connection with the Australian Cartoonists' Association and how it can help with professional development for young cartoonists and illustrators.

Putting down Roots: Community Events (Melbourne Exclusive)
Whether organising or supporting, community events can be a great way to help creators in your community get their work out there. This panel will discuss various aspects of community events, from organising to spreading the word and attending.

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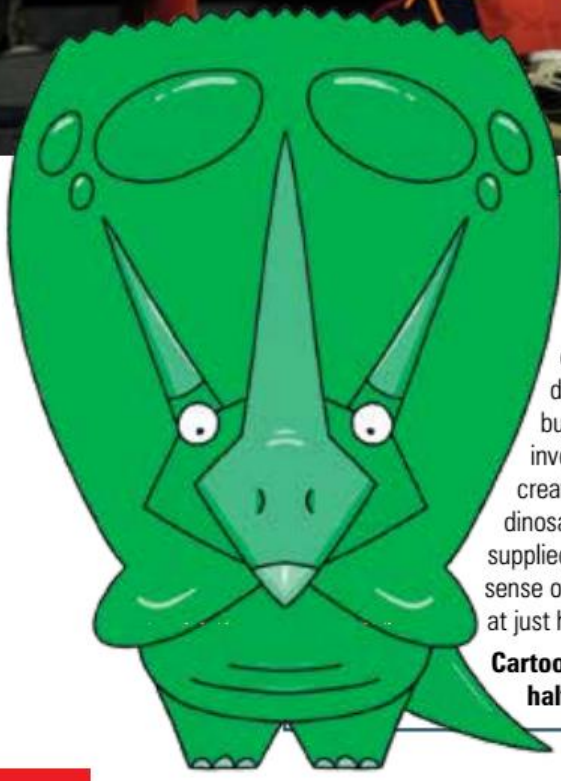

MATT GLOVER'S CARTOONING WORKSHOPS

(Melbourne Exclusive)

Matt Glover travels around the country delivering his fun and interactive cartoon drawing workshops. Designed for kids, but enjoyed by all ages, the workshops involve using simple drawing techniques to create everything from aliens and zombies, to dinosaurs and dragons. Paper and pencils are supplied, all you need to bring is yourself and a sense of creative adventure – you'll be surprised at just how good your cartoons can be!

Cartoon drawing workshops will run on the half hour throughout the weekend.

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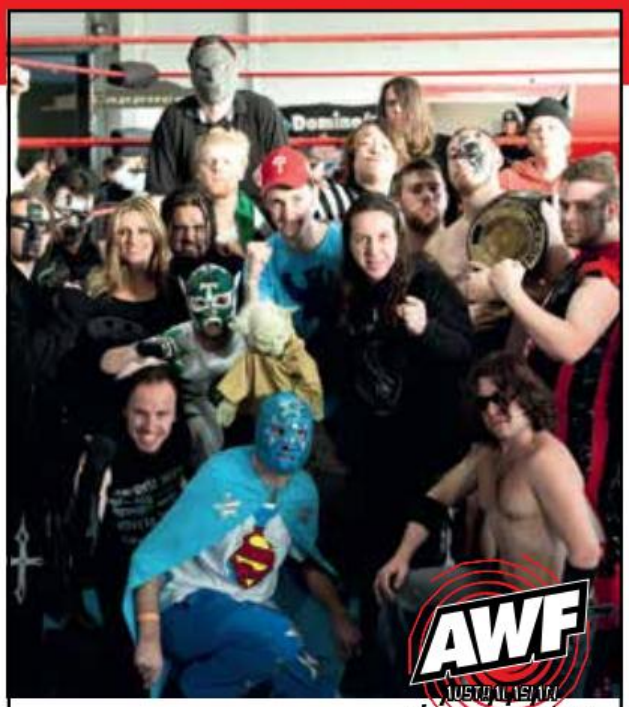

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Catch sci-fi author, R.D. Gennari, each day in the AWF wresting ring, performing a martial arts display. As part of the launch of his new book, ***Battle For Skeptron***. As a Gold Coast exclusive, R.D. Gennari will be joined in the ring by Aristidis Dollas, and for Melbourne by Olympian, Farzad Tarash.

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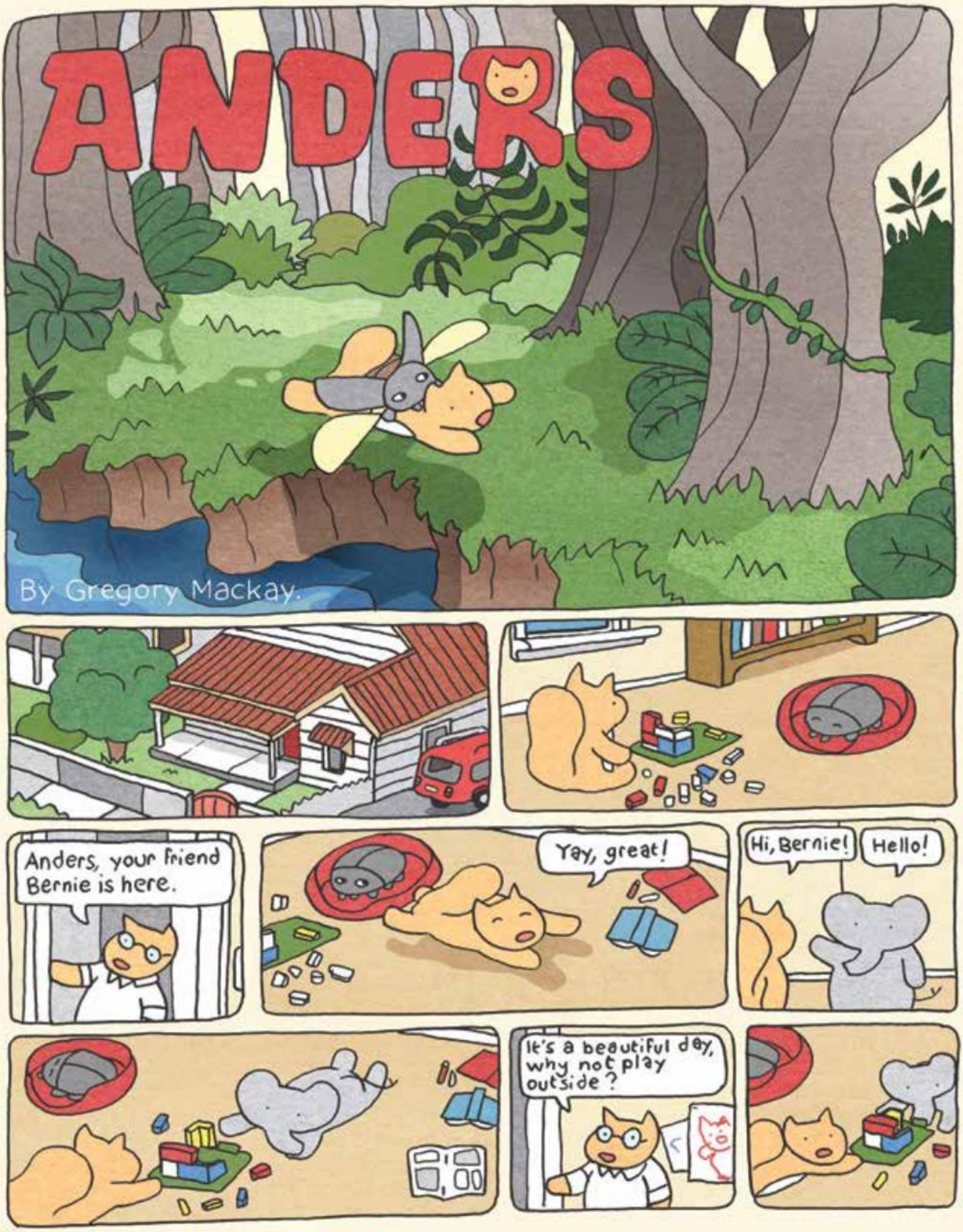
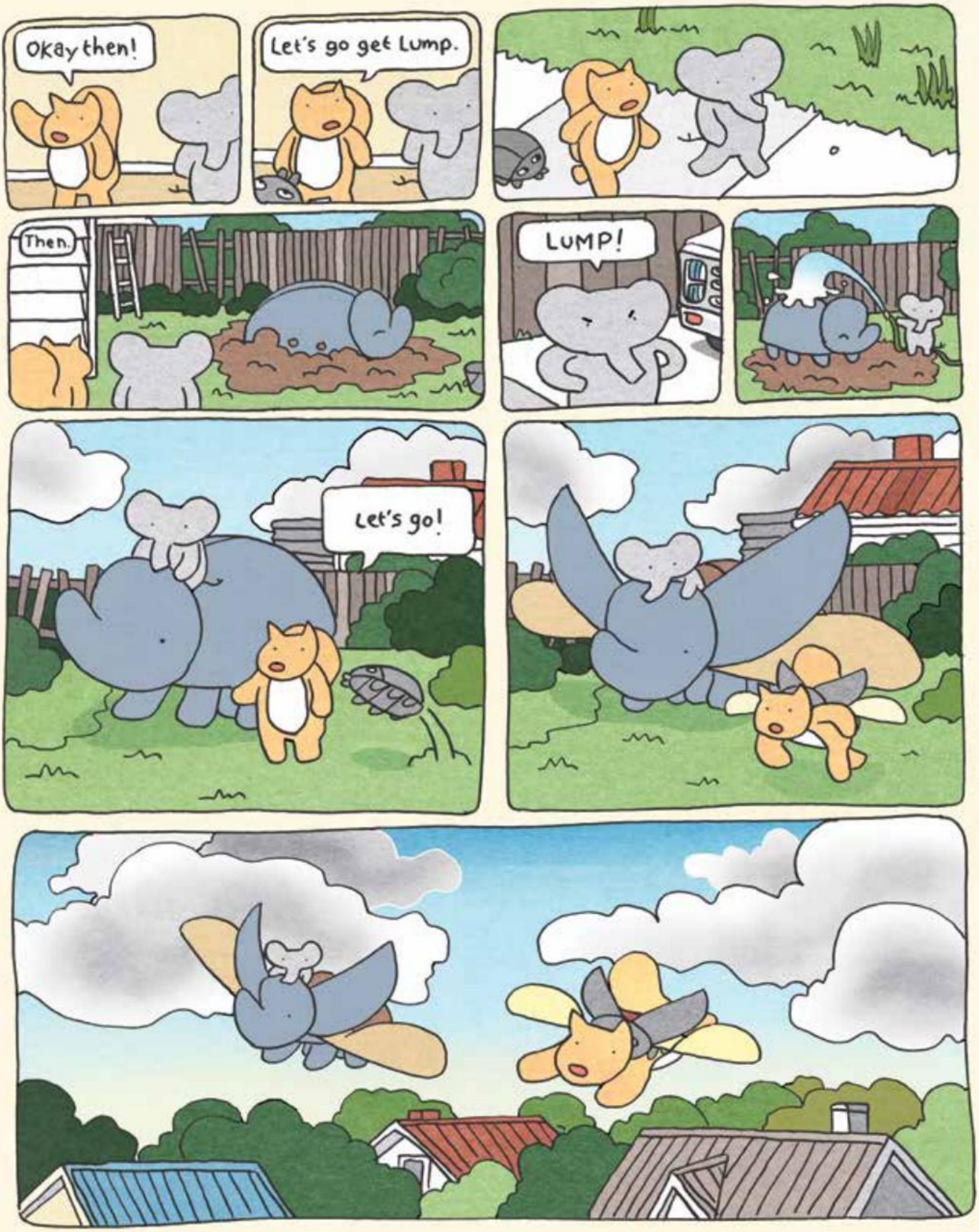
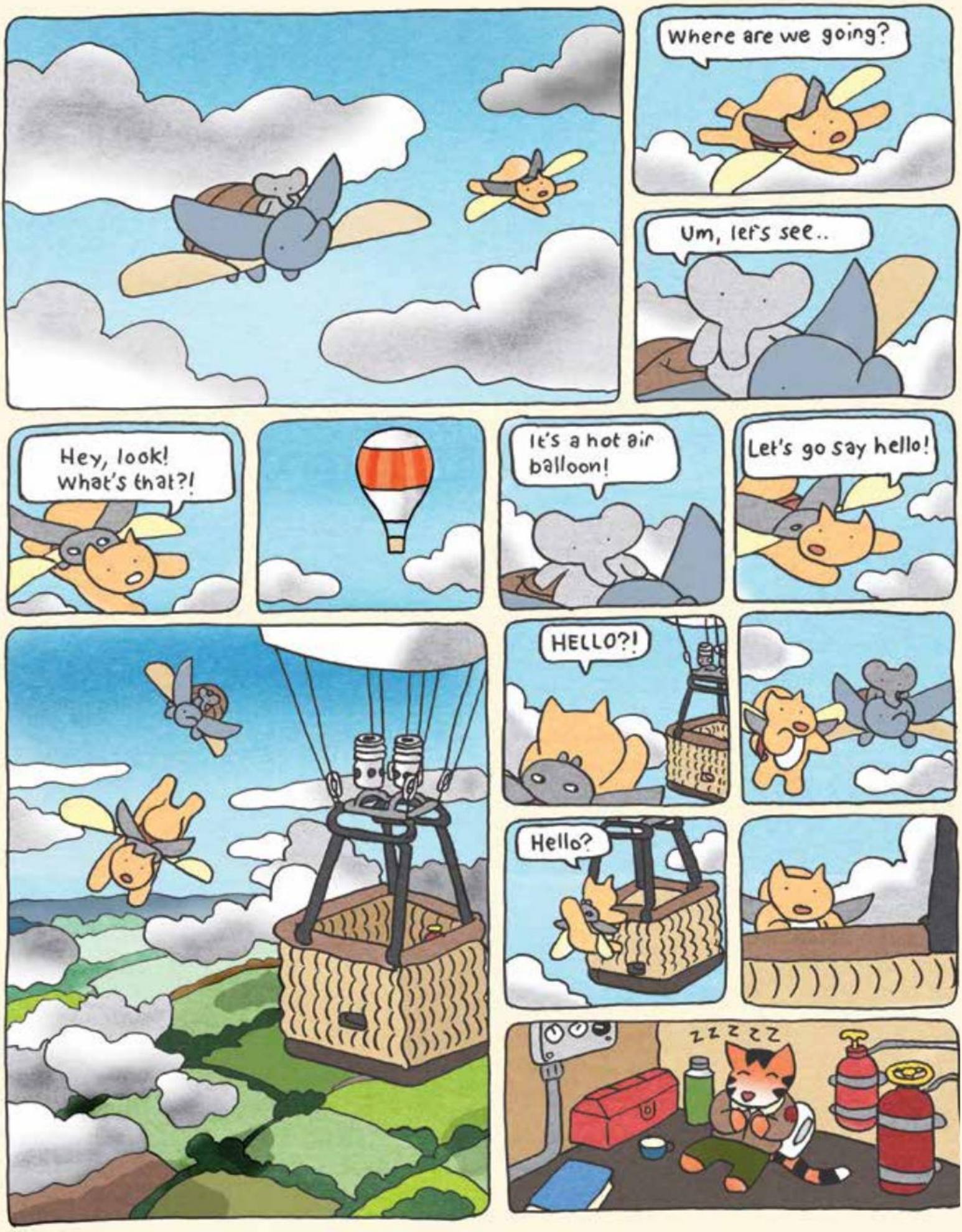
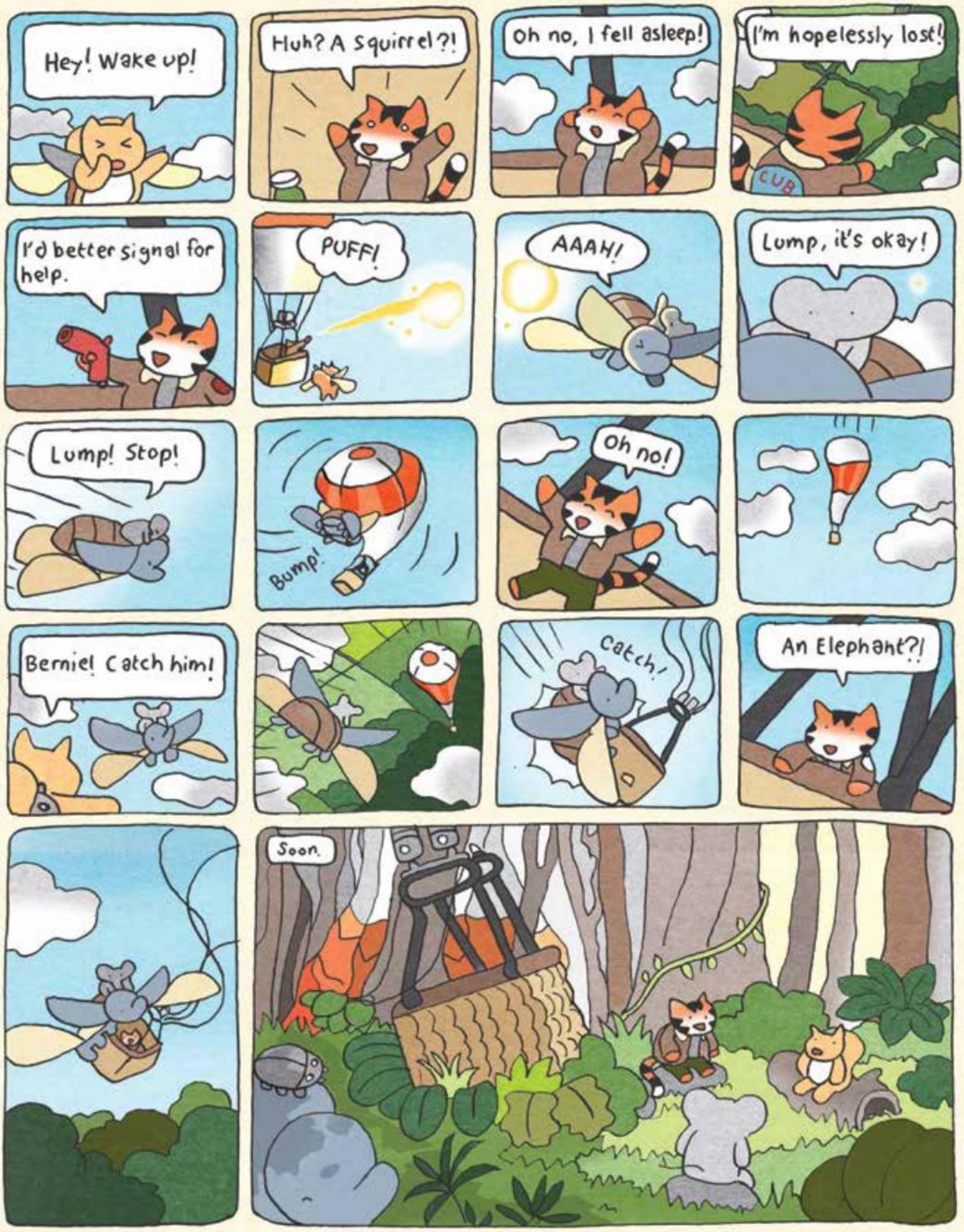

ANDERS
By Gregory Mackay.
Anders, your friend Bernie is here.
Yay, great!
Hi, Bernie!
Hello!
It's a beautiful day, why not play outside?


Okay then!
Let's go get Lump.
Then.
LUMP!
Let's go!


Where are we going?
Um, let's see..
Hey, look! What's that?!
It's a hot air balloon!
Let's go say hello!
HELLO?!
Hello?
ZZZZZ


Hey! Wake up!
Huh? A squirrel?!
Oh no, I fell asleep!
I'm hopelessly lost!
CUB
I'd better signal for help.
PUFF!
AAAH!
Lump, it's okay!
Lump! Stop!
Bump!
Oh no!
Bernie! Catch him!
Catch!
An Elephant?!
Soon.

Sorry that your balloon broke.
That's okay, it's my fault for falling asleep
Are you an explorer?
Well, more of an adventurer really.
I'd like to be an adventurer!
You're halfway there with your flying beetles.
Where were you going?
I was heading for the mountains...
...and over the Great Tree-maze.
But, the balloon is broken so I guess I'm not going.
I don't know, maybe we can fix it.
What does that do?
That's the Burner.
What's that?
The burner heats up the air which then fills up the balloon.
Hot air is less dense than cold air so it's lighter and the balloon floats upwards
I have an idea! Can I borrow your tools?
Sure can. I'm just going to have a quick nap.

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